

## Rule Changes from last soccer year

For those who missed the spring season, here is a summary of rule changes approved last winter. If you have thoughts on how to improve our league, we have plenty of opportunities for people to volunteer. Please contact the league by e-mailing [info@bigcountrysoccer.org](mailto:info@bigcountrysoccer.org).

1. Slide tackling below U-11 is forbidden. Players are subject to being cautioned (“carded”).
2. Any player may request at registration to play one age group “up”, but the request may be denied by the executive committee.
3. Trophies will be awarded to 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams only if the division contained six or more teams.
4. For U-10, the format of play is now 8v8.
5. Second year U-10 and U-8 teams may request to play up in the next age group (larger field) provided they gain a signed consent from all team members’ parents. For that season, the team will be considered in the new age group and subject to the same rules (substitution, trophies, etc.)