



Underwood Cup Scoring Summary

The team Underwood Cup scoring is a composite of the team skills points (best 8 players), the sportsmanship ratings, and the win/loss points. GCCSA believes that helping a player to grow and develop is the highest priority of the league. Less importance is placed on winning (league games and tournament games) and more importance placed on performing well in individual skills and sportsmanship. Therefore, trophies are awarded during Super Soccer Week for the Underwood competition and not for league or tournament winners. Each of the 3 areas (Skills, Sportsmanship, and Win/Loss) is given different weight when calculating the points for the Underwood Cup competition and multipliers are used to adjust the age groups up (or down) to the average of the U12 group. Individual trophies are awarded to the player with the highest Skills score in each division and team trophies are awarded to the team in each division with the highest Underwood score. Finally the Underwood Cup is awarded to the one team with the highest Underwood score league wide.

Skills (50% of Underwood score)

The skills points are awarded for performance in 5 areas:

Dribbling
Shooting
Throw-Ins
Juggling
Passing

The team skills points are the total of the best 8 individual scores.

Sportsmanship (30% of the Underwood score)

Five sportsmanship points are available in each game. The referee will remove ½ point for an occasional violation and 1 point for a continual violation in 5 areas of sportsmanship:

Abusive language

Negative reinforcement from coaches
Players display negative attitude
Coaches display negative attitude
Coach does not utilize all players

These points will be adjusted based on the number of games so that they represent 30% of the total.

Win/Loss (20% of the Underwood score)

Win/Loss points are awarded per game as follows:

Win = 2 points
Tie = 1 point
Loss = 0 points

These points are adjusted each season based on the number of games so that they represent 20% of the total points.

Underwood Cup Skills Summary

All players will be evaluated based on the following skills competition. The coach should use these in practices to prepare their players for the competition. During the competition the coach will be allowed to run the drills, but the scoring will be by a referee or appointed league official.

Dribbling:

Each player will start in the gate and weave through cones dribbling the ball. They will be timed from the start until they (and the ball) return through the start gate. The two start cones of the start gate are 3 yards apart and the first cone is 3 yards from the start gate. The second cone is placed 3 yards from the first at a 45 degree angle. The final cone is 3 yards beyond the 8th cone and in the center.

Shooting:

Each player will shoot 3 times at a goal that has pre-determined areas marked for points. The most points will be awarded for shots made in the corners and the least points for shots made in the middle. No points will be awarded for shots that miss the goal entirely. Players will shoot from the pre-determined distances as follows:

U8 8 yards
U9 & U10 10 yards

U12 12 yards
U14 & up 16 yards

Throw-Ins:

Each player will make 3 throws for accuracy. They will attempt to properly throw into boxes that are 6' x 6' square. They will receive 1 point for each throw-in that lands within the box or on the line. No points will be awarded for an improper throw-in. Players will throw from the following distances:

U8 9 feet
U9 & U10 15 feet
U12 21 feet
U14 & up 27 feet

Juggling:

Best of 3 tries. 1 point for each touch. The player must remain in a 10 yard circle. The following rules apply for each age group:

U8 Start with ball in hand. Allowed one bounce between touches.
U9 & U10 Start with ball in hand.
U12 & up Start from the ground.

Passing:

Each player will get 3 tries to pass through a predetermined set of cones. The 2 center cones shall be 2 feet apart and will award 40 points. The next widest cones will be 4 feet from each center cones and will award 30 points. The next widest cones will be 5 feet from the nearest cone and will award 20 points. The next widest cones will be 6 feet from the nearest cone and will award 5 points. No points will be awarded for passes outside all the cones or passes that do not get through the cones. The players will pass from the following distances:

U8 10 yards
U9 & U10 12 yards
U12 14 yards
U14 & up 16 yards

