

# Outdoor Soccer Rules

AGE/ DIVISION	K -1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
TEAM MAKE-UP	Coed	Coed	Coed
# OF PLAYERS ON FIELD	4 (no goalie)	5 (including goalie)	6 (including goalie)
DURATION OF GAME	4-10 min quarters	2-25 min halves	2-25 min halves
BALL SIZE	3	3	4
APPROX. FIELD SIZE	20' Width 30' Length	35' Width 55' Length	35' Width 55' Length
GOAL SIZE	4' Pop-up Goal	6'x8'	6'x8'

## ***PLAYING TIME/ELIGIBILITY***

- All players should get equal playing time throughout the game.
- A player's eligibility is determined by which school he/she attends and the grade in which they are entering for the 2018-19 school year.

## REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- Shin-guards-REQUIRED
- If both teams have the same color jersey, the home team is responsible for wearing different color pennies.
- Soccer cleats (No metal cleats or toe cleats are allowed)
- Size of Soccer Balls used:
  - Size 3: Kindergarten - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
  - Size 3: 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
  - Size 4: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade

## ***START OF THE GAME***

- To determine kick off, teams will rock/paper/scissors or flip a coin. Winner will win the kick-off. The other team will get kick-off to start the second half.
- Teams will switch sides at half time.

## **GOAL KEEPER**

- The goalkeeper may use their hands in the goal box ONLY.
- After making a save, the goalkeeper can either throw or kick ball into play.
- The goalkeeper has 10 seconds to put the ball back into play.
- Goalkeepers must wear a shirt or pennies of a different color from both teams.

## SUBSTITUTIONS

- Coaches can only sub on a dead ball and must ask for permission from the referee.
- Players must hustle off the field when they are subbed off.
- All players must have equal playing time.

## SAFETY

- **THERE WILL BE NO SLIDE TACKLING.** A foul will be called. If it happens consistently by a player that player will be asked to sit out the remainder of the game.
- No headers allowed in any division.
- The referee has the discretion to sit a player out for a period of time if there are consistent fouls.
- A player will be subject to ejection if he/she maliciously runs over a goalkeeper who has control of the ball.

## BOUNDRIES/OUT OF BOUNDS CALLS

- Field will be lined with paint or cones and flags or cones can represent the corners.
- The ball must be completely over the line for it to be called as out of bounds or a goal.
- If a ball goes out of bounds over the end line by the offensive team, it is a goal kick.
- Any player may take the goal kick.
- If the ball goes out of bounds over the end line by a defensive player, it is a corner kick.
- A player's foot cannot touch the line on throw-ins and both feet must remain on the ground.

## OTHER RULES

- All free kicks are **IN-DIRECT**.
- High kicking results in a free kick for the other team.
- Handballs result in a free kick for the other team.
- Anything below the shoulder is called a handball.
- All players must be at least 10 yards from the spot of a free kick penalty. The referee will spot the 10-yard obstruction area. The distance may be modified by the referee for younger divisions.
- Any situation not covered by these rules is a judgment of the referee and/or director.

## COACHES & PARENTS

- K-1 coaches may be on the field during the game to instruct players. 2nd-5th grade coaches must stay off the field at all times and on your side with your team. The referee will assist with placements if needed.
- If you need to talk with the referees, please do this during the half time or after the game. **NOT DURING THE GAME.**
- Animals are not permitted at any field.
- **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY FIELD.**

## SPORTSMANSHIP

- All players, coaches & parents will have positive attitudes, both on and off the field.
- All players and coaches will shake hands with opposing players and coaches after each game.
- All officials will have a value talk with each team before each game.
- Any player, coach or parent caught using profane language on the premises of the game will receive one warning. If such actions continue, any party(s) involved may be asked to leave the game and may be barred from attending future games in our organizations.

## RAIN OUTS/WEATER HOTLINE:

- In the case of heavy rain or snow, the decisions to cancel or reschedule a game may be made. If the weather has been consistently poor, decisions to cancel will be made at 8 am on Saturdays, after that time will be made as need be.