

Youth Soccer League

GUIDELINES/RULES OF THE GAME

With the exception of the following modifications, current AYSO Soccer Rules will govern league play.

1. **Youth Sports Staff:** Games will be monitored by Youth Sports staff. Their authority and decision on calls of the game are final.
2. **Players:** Junior and Pee Wee division teams shall consist of no more than six (6) players on the field, one of whom is the goalkeeper. The Tot division will not utilize a goalkeeper and will play with five (5) players. Players must play a minimum of sixteen (16) minutes per game for Pee Wee and Junior or (12) minutes for Tot.
3. **Roster:** Each player shall have a completed Waiver Release & Indemnity Agreement Form. The Junior and Pee Wee division roster is limited to twelve (12) players per team. The Tot division is limited to ten (10) players per team. A parent from each of the players must read, sign and return the Parent Code of Ethics.
4. **Out of Play:** The ball is out of play when it has completely crossed the goal line or the end or sidelines.
5. **Clock/Time:** There will be two (2), sixteen (16) minute halves for the Junior and Pee Wee Divisions. There will be two (2), twelve (12) minute halves for the Tot Division. The clock will only stop under three (3) circumstances:
 - Injury
 - Staff time-out
 - Coach time-outHalf time is three (3) minutes.
6. **Time - Outs:** Each team will have two (2), thirty (30) second team time - outs per half. It is wise to use half time to communicate with players.
7. **Kick - Off:** The ball will be placed at mid-field for the beginning of the game, half and after a goal has been scored. After half time, teams will change direction of play.
8. **Fouls/Penalties:** No penalty shots. There will only be a penalty throw from the corner for all

Divisions.

9. **Goal Attempts:** For the safety of goalkeepers, players will not be allowed to attempt to score a goal within the goalie box area. If a player attempts to kick a goal inside of the goalie box area, the play will be treated as a penalty, and the goal will not count.

10. **Throw In From Corner** (if caused inside the penalty area) for the following fouls:

- Kicks/attempts to kick opponent
- Slide tackling
- Trips/attempts to trip opponent
- Jumps at opponent
- Charges in an aggressive/dangerous manner
- Strikes/attempts to strike
- Charges from behind
- Hold/pull
- Push
- Illegal use of hands (except goalie inside penalty area)

Please Note: Coaches will have the option for players to either throw in from the corner or corner kick.

11. **Throw-Ins:** Shall be from the point where the ball crosses the touch line (side line) by a player from the opposite team. Part of each foot has to touch ground prior to the release of the ball. **The ball must be thrown from behind and over the head.**

12. **Substitutions:** Players are allowed to substitute at the four (4) minute substitution whistle. However, if an injury occurs, the injured player can be substituted at the judgment of the coach. The injured player can be put back into the game at the next substitution opportunity at the discretion of the coach.

13. **Positions:**

- Offense: forwards and halfbacks
- Defense: fullbacks, halfback and goalkeeper (Tot Division will not have a goalkeeper).

13. **Coaches on the Field:** There will be two coaches (Cleared through the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department) from each team allowed on the field for the entirety of the Tot Division games. One coach from each team will be allowed

on the field for the entirety of the Pee Wee and junior Division games.

15. **Ball Size:** Tot division will play with a size three (3) ball. Junior and Peewee division will play with a size four (4) ball.
16. **Offside:** Offside will not be enforced in any division; however, a player may not stand in front of the opposing net waiting for the ball to come to them. The purpose of the offside rule is to prevent a team from having a player "camp" in front of an opponent's goal waiting for an easy score.
17. **Minimum Play:** Each participant is required to play a minimum of half of the game (12 minutes for Tot and 16 minutes for Pee Wee and Junior). Staff will notify teams when it is necessary to make substitutions. Officials will call for substitutions every 4 minutes of each half. Coaches are required to keep track of players play times.
18. **Game Time:** Games will last approximately forty five (45) minutes.
19. **Mandatory Equipment:** All players must wear the following items:
 - T-shirt issued by the City of Riverside
 - Shin guards
 - Socks
 - Soccer shoes, tennis shoes okay, no metal cleats.
20. **Unsafe Objects not allowed**
 - Jewelry, necklace, pierced ear rings, any other item determined dangerous by Youth Sports staff. Ear rings can be covered with band aids.
21. **Awards:** Certificates and medals will be given to the coach prior to the end of the season. All players will receive a sportsmanship award prior to the conclusion of the season.
22. **Starts & Restarts:** All restarts will be a side throw in, corner throw in, corner kick or goalie throw in. Goalie kicks are allowed however drop kicks are not. The ball must be placed on the ground and kicked. There will be no penalty kicks awarded. In the event of a penalty, the ball will be thrown in from the nearest sideline. A kickoff is only done at the beginning of each half and after a score is made. Teams will switch direction at the beginning of the second half.

23. **Picture Day:** Picture day will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Bordwell Park, Stratton Community Center. Picture day schedule will be distributed to coaches one week prior. Pictures along with certificates and medals will be distributed to teams on the last week of the season.

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Youth Soccer

| Division | Tot | Pee Wee | Junior |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Ages | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 |
| Total # of Players on team | 5 min/10 max | 6 min/12 max | 6 min/12 max |
| Beginning Game Visiting Team | 2 nd Team Listed on Schedule | 2 nd Team Listed on Schedule | 2 nd Team Listed on Schedule |
| Players on Field | 5 (no goalies) | 6 | 6 |
| Minimum Play Rule | Each Player must play a minimum of 12 minutes per game | Each Player must play a minimum of 16 minutes per game | Each Player must play a minimum of 16 minutes per game |
| Officials | (1) Youth Sports Staff with (2) Coaches from each team | (2) Youth Sports Staff with (1) Coach from each team | (2) Youth Sports Staff with (1) Coach from each team |
| Standings | None | None | None |
| Time Outs | Total of 4 (2 in each half) 30 seconds | Total of 4 (2 in each half) 30 seconds | Total of 4 (2 in each half) 30 seconds |
| Coaches | (2) Must be Fingerprinted and cleared. (2) Coaches will be allowed on the field for the entirety of the game. | (2) Must be Fingerprinted and cleared. (1) Coach will be allowed on the field for the entirety of the game. | (2) Must be Fingerprinted and cleared. (1) Coach will be allowed on the field for the entirety of the game. |
| Score | Score will <u>NOT</u> be kept | Score will <u>NOT</u> be kept | Score will <u>NOT</u> be kept |
| Length of Games | Two (2), Twelve (12) minute halves with a running clock. | Two (2), Sixteen (16) minute halves with a running clock. | Two (2), Sixteen (16) minute halves with a running clock. |
| Half Time | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes |
| Ball Size | Size (3) Soccer ball | Size (4) Soccer ball | Size (4) Soccer ball |
| Field Size | 75 x 120 Feet | 90 x 150 Feet | 90 x 150 Feet |