



Pee Wee Soccer League

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND RULEBOOK Ages 4-7

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(I) GAME PLAY

- 1.) The home team will have first (1st) half kickoff. The visiting team will have second (2nd). The home team will be listed first on the schedule.
- 2.) Coaches are only allowed on the field – NO PARENTS. Coaches are encouraged to assist referees with basic fundamental skills.
 - a. EXAMPLE: When the ball goes out of bounds and a throw-in is necessary, please rotate among players so all can learn this basic skill. Please assist players to ensure the proper technique is utilized.

(II) PLAYERS/GAME SCHEDULES

- 1.) Format will be five (5) players versus five (5) players, with no goalies allowed in goal.
- 2.) Teams must always field a minimum of five (5) players.
- 3.) Game schedules will be emailed to coaches and posted online at <https://teamsideline.com/sites/hrcaonline/schedules>

(III) TIMING

- 1.) Games consist of 2 (two) – 16 (sixteen) minute quarters. There will be a 3 (three) – minute halftime.
- 2.) Games will be stopped after 4 (four) minutes in each quarter for substitutions.
- 3.) Officials/League Supervisors can stop the clock at their discretion.

(IV) SCORING

- 1.) A goal will be counted when the entire ball crosses into the goal.

(V) SPORTSMANSHIP

- 1.) If the league supervisor or official witnesses any acts of tackling, cheap shots, or any other unsportsmanlike act, the game will be stopped, and the player may be ejected from the league. FOUL PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- 2.) Trash talking will not be allowed. Officials and league supervisors have the right to determine offensive language. Trash talk is talk that may be offensive to officials, opposing players, teams, or spectators. If trash-talking occurs, the official will give one warning. If it continues, the player, players, coach, or spectator will be ejected from the game.

(VI) STOPPAGE IN PLAY

- 1.) The Official will instruct coaches on all stoppage of play.
 - a. OUT OF BOUNDS
 - i. Throw-in – this will occur when the ball goes out of bounds on either team sideline. Coaches are encouraged to switch between players throwing in. Players need 2 hands on the ball and complete an overhead throwing motion.
 - ii. Goal Kicks – this will occur when the ball goes out of bounds on the end line by the offensive team. The defensive team will be given a kick from the end line.
 - iii. Corner Kicks – this will occur when the ball goes out of bounds on the end line by the defensive team. The offensive team will be given a kick from the corner flag.
 - b. PENALTIES

- i. Handball – any intentional handling of the ball (catching, picking up the ball) will result in a penalty and free kick for the opposing team. Unintentional handling will not be called.
- 2.) Only the coach may ask the official questions about the rule clarification and interpretations. Players and spectators cannot question judgment calls.

(VII) ATTIRE

- 1.) All teams must wear uniform shirts (same color; same jersey style). Jerseys that meet these criteria are provided by the HRCA Sports Department and are included in your registration fees. Shorts without pockets are recommended.
- 2.) Size 3 soccer balls will be used.
- 3.) Only water will be allowed in the turf area.

(VIII) PLAYING TIME

1. All players must receive equal playing time or at least ½ of total game playing time.
2. If you suspect a team is not playing their players equally, you must first notify the league supervisor that is working at your game. The league supervisor does have the ability to forfeit a game for violation of this rule but is not required at game time. The league supervisor may consult with the HRCA Sports Department regarding this issue and a forfeit of the game may be enforced if the violation is deemed credible by the HRCA Sports Department.

Coach's Code of Ethics

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will use coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children, not adults.**

