



SOCCKER RULES

1. To start a game each team must have at least 8 players (including a goalie) and 5 to continue play during regulation time. Intramural Soccer will be governed by FIFA regulations.
2. To begin play, the ball is placed at the centre of the midfield line. The offensive team begins by kicking the ball forward. After the ball turns one complete revolution, it is a free ball to play for anyone except the original kicker. The original kicker may kick the ball only after another player has touched it. When play begins, all defensive players must be at least 5 yards from the ball, in their own half of the field. Once play has started, all players may position themselves and move anywhere on the field.
3. A goal is scored when the entire ball passes over the goal line within the area defined by the goalposts. A goal counts one point. After a successful goal, the teams return to midfield where the team scored against becomes the offensive team and gains possession of the ball to kick it forward.
4. The Goalie: The goalie may use their hands to stop the ball anywhere within the goal area. The goalie is only allowed to handle the ball for 6 seconds and once they leave the goal area, they must observe the rules that govern the other players.
5. Time & Start of Game:
 - a) The team that wins the coin toss has their choice of goal to defend.
 - b) A game consists of two 20 minute halves with a short break between halves.
 - c) No timeouts are allowed during the game except during an injury at which time the injured player must be removed from the field immediately and a substitute inserted in his place and when there is a discussion between referees and team captains.
6. Referees: The referees control the game using a whistle to start and stop play. Note: The whistle is not used to start play on an out of bounds ball; the ball is put back into play immediately.
7. Offside: There will be no offside calls.

8. Out of Bounds:

- a) Over sidelines. A ball that goes out of bounds on either side of the field is put back into play immediately by the opposite team, at the point it went out of bounds. It must be put back into play by a two-hand, overhead throw, with both of the player's feet remaining on the ground.
- b) Drop ball. If it can not be determined by whom a ball went out of bounds, a drop ball results. The ball is held out by the referee between the two players involved, and then dropped to the ground. The ball must make contact with the ground before it can be played. All other players must remain 10 yards away from the drop point.

9. Fouls: Because of rule infringements or fouls by one team, the offended team may be awarded one of the following types of kicks:

- a) Free kick. A free kick is either direct or indirect.
 - i) Direct. A direct free kick is awarded to the offended team for the following rule infractions that occur outside the penalty area: slide tackling, illegal charging, kicking, striking, kneeing, pushing, holding, jumping at an opponent, or a player other than the goalkeeper handling the ball. The kick is taken at the point of the infraction, and the kicker has the option of passing to a team-mate or trying for a goal. Except for the kicker, all players must remain 10 yards away from the drop point.
 - ii) Indirect. An indirect free kick is given to the offended team for rule infractions that include offside, illegal substitutions, and goalkeeper carrying the ball more than 6 seconds. This kick is made from the point of the infraction or from the spot where play stopped; the kicker may not try directly for a goal.
- b) Goal kick. A goal kick is given to the DEFENSIVE team if the ball goes over the goal line but not between the goalposts and is last touched by an offensive player. The goal kick is taken from any point in the 6 yard box by the defending team.
- c) Corner kick. A corner kick is taken from the corner area, closest to the spot 9/19/2017 where the ball passes over the goal line. A corner kick is awarded to the offensive team where the defensive team last touches the ball before it passes over the goal line (other than between the goalposts). A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

10. Players committing flagrant fouls (includes slide tackles) more than once in games, which are determined by the referees, will be ejected from that game.

11. Arguing with the referees or other staff members by players will not be tolerated.

12. Team captains may seek information from the referee only for the purpose of clarification of a rule or to improve the play of their team.

13. Tie Games: Ties will be broken by giving each team 5 penalty kicks (during playoffs only).

14. Slide tackling is not permitted at any time. A direct kick will be awarded to the opposing team as a result. The player committing the slide tackle will be removed from the game after a second offense.

15. SHIN GUARDS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED.