

Peewee Soccer Summary of Rules

U6/U8 Division

MISSION

The mission of the league is to promote, develop, supervise and voluntarily assist the interest of youths participating in recreational soccer. The primary goal of the league is to provide a safe and fun outlet for community participation. The attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is of secondary importance.

Coaches Responsibilities:

- Coaches are responsible for supporting the leagues' mission
- **Coaches are responsible for refereeing games**
- Coaches are expected to responsibly manage the conduct of their team's spectators.

Uniforms and Equipment:

- The only equipment required is shin guards. Shoes must be tennis shoes or rubber-cleated soccer shoes. (baseball cleats are not permitted)
- All players **MUST** wear shin guards to play or practice.
- Players must wear their team jersey.
- Watches and jewelry are not permitted on the players.

Ball: The appropriate ball size for league play is:

- Size #4 or #3 (preferred)

Soccer Field Dimensions:

- U6 - 20 yards(W) x 30 yards(L)
- U8 - 40 yards(W) x 60 yards(L)

Goal Size:

- 6' x 8'

Number of Players:

- U6 4V4 including goalie or coaches discretion
- U8 6V6 including goalie
- It is mandatory that each child play at least one period of defense and one period of offense. The Midfield position can be both offense and defense.

Game Information:

- The game will start promptly at the scheduled time.
- U6 - Games will consist four (4) six (6) minute quarters.
- U8 - Games will consist of (4) 10 minute quarters.
- The clock will run continuously (even for a ball out of play) with no time-out other than those called for injuries.
- Teams alternate goals at half time. There will be a two (2) minute break between the 1st and 2nd quarters and between the 3rd and 4th quarters. There will be a five (5) minute break between the 2nd and 3rd quarters.

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Throw in:

- Must be made with two hands and both feet on the ground at the point of release. Last touch determines which team gets the throw in. A second throw in will be allowed if the player fouls on the first attempt. The referee will explain the proper method before the re-throw is attempted.

Corner kick:

- Taken when the defending team kicks the ball over the end line. The ball is kicked from the corner nearest where the ball went out.

Distance from kicks:

- Opponents must be 8 yards from the ball on all kicks.

Fouls: Resulting in a free kick.

- **Tripping:** Causing a player to stumble or fall by kicking their legs without having played the ball.
- **Holding/Pushing:** Self explanatory
- **Handball:** A ball played with the arm or hand in order to gain advantage. Reflex actions or the ball kicked against the arm is not a handball.
- **Charging:** Making violent contact with another player to prevent them from reaching the ball when it is not within playing distance.
- **Obstruction:** Moving between the ball and another player to prevent them from reaching the ball when it is not within playing distance.
- **Dangerous Play:** High kicking, playing the ball while on the ground, or dropping your head extremely low to head the ball.
- **Heading** No heading at U10 or below. An intentional heading attempt will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team
 - Coaches should encourage body traps as opposed to high foot traps
 - Referees should be alert for dangerous high kicks resulting from this rule

Fouls and Misconduct:

- Any player who intentionally commits one of the following offenses shall be penalized. The penalty will be a direct free kick by the opposing team from the place where the offense occurred. Should a defending player commit one of these offenses within the penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded to the opposing team.
 1. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
 2. Tripping an opponent
 3. Jumping at an opponent
 4. Charging an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner
 5. Unsporting behavior
 6. Purposely delaying the restart of play
 7. Holding or pushing an opponent
 8. Carrying, striking or propelling the ball with the hand or arm (except for the goal keeper within his own penalty area)

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9. Foul Language
10. Slide Tackling (see definition below)

Slide Tackle Definition:

A slide tackle is an attempt by one player (player A) to take the ball away from another player (player B) by sliding on one or both legs and knocking the ball away. Player A attempts to knock the ball away without contacting player B by sliding in such a manner that the ball is the first thing contacted. Tripping of player B can easily result. If executed properly, a slide tackle is a perfectly legal maneuver. However, slide tackling is one of the leading causes of serious leg and knee injuries in the sport of soccer. It is a difficult and advanced skill that most youth players cannot execute properly. In this league slide tackling is prohibited. Coaches should not teach this tactic and are not to allow their players to use this tactic. Referees are instructed to watch for this play and will be penalize players using it.

- A player is cautioned if he persistently infringes upon the rules, shows by word or action, dissent from a decision made by the referee, or is guilty of un-sportsman like conduct.
- A player will be removed from the field if he is guilty of:
 1. Violent conduct or serious foul play.
 2. Persistent use of offensive, insulting or abusive language.
 3. Is guilty of intentionally spitting at an opponent, coach or referee.
 4. Receiving a second caution in the same match.
- Play is stopped when a player is removed from the field. The game is resumed by an indirect free kick awarded to the opposing team at the spot where the infraction occurred. The players name will be recorded by the referee and reported to the commission. After two such violations, the player will be suspended for the league for the remainder of the season.
- Any player guilty of intentionally striking or attempting to strike an opponent, coach or official will be suspended from the league.

Referees:

- The coaches and parents will referee the games. They may not have officiated before. Please be understanding if they miss a call. They will be instructed to teach the children when mistakes or infractions occurred during a game.

Canceling and Rescheduling Games:

- In general, games will be played during inclement weather. Referees will immediately stop play if lightning occurs or field conditions become dangerous.
- **Rain outs:** Coaches will be responsible for calling off practices/games due to inclement weather. Often times these decisions are made at the last minute, as a courtesy please wait for your coach to update their website, TeamSnap call or text you
- **If both opposing coaches agree to reschedule a game for any reason, they must notify their team. Please make sure all games are made up.**