



## Soccer Rules

### **Full Field Soccer Game**

- All full field games will play with 8 field players and a goalkeeper (9v9).
- Size 5 balls will be used for all games. The home team is expected to provide the game ball. If the home team cannot provide a suitable ball, then the facility will provide the game ball.
- All games will consist of two twenty-five (25) minute halves. The clock will run continuously only stopping for emergency injuries. Halftime will be two minutes or more/less based on the time remaining within the hour. All games will start on time and any team that is not ready to play when the official blows his/her whistle will be subject to the clock beginning without further warning and official play will begin. Yourspace Sports will make every effort to keep all games on schedule.
- Substitutions are unlimited and can be made at any time. The outgoing player must be on the bench before the substituting player can step on the field. Non-compliance with this rule will result in the substituting player having to sit on the bench for two minutes while his/her team will play one player short. It is up to the game official to monitor this rule. The game official will keep track of the two-minute penalty with his/her own watch - not the game clock.
- Direct and indirect kicks will be used. Should the ball hit the ceiling, the defending team will be awarded an indirect free kick from the spot on the field directly below where the ball struck the ceiling/trusses.
- An indirect free kick will be awarded against a team that hits the suspended cable at midfield. The free kick will be played directly below the spot where the ball made contact with the cable.
- On all free kicks, five (5) seconds will be allowed to put the ball back into play. Failure to do this results in a loss of possession and the free kick awarded the opposite way. Opponents must stand three (3) yards from the ball on all free kicks. Failure to do so will result in the ball being moved an additional five (5) yards further forward.
- Slide tackles are **NOT PERMITTED** at any time. An indirect free kick will be awarded against any dangerous play or sliding.
- **OFFSIDES Enforced**
- A team cannot score directly from a kick-off.

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## Goalkeeper Restrictions

- The keeper may punt and/or drop kick and/or throw the ball without any limitations within the midfield line. Balls passing the midfield line will be restarted with an indirect kick.
- The keeper has five seconds to release the ball after taking possession with his/her hands. Failure to do so results in an indirect free kick.
- The keeper cannot dribble the ball back into the penalty area and then pick it up. An indirect free kick will be awarded against the keeper if this occurs.

## Referees Discretion

- All free kicks awarded by the referees are indisputable. Encouragement will be given to allow the games to flow. Please allow the referees to do their job; the players will be encouraged to play the game. Yourspace Sports has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy against players, coaches and/or fans complaining or arguing with the officials.
- The referee will give a yellow card, a two-minute penalty (served on the team bench) to any player who is considered to be displaying un-sportsmanlike conduct. This may include violent conduct or contact, bad language, intentional fouls, deliberate handballs, and any other actions the referee considers to be un-sportsmanlike or unfair. Yourspace Sports strives to maintain a safe, family oriented environment. It is critical to enforce any violations of these policies.
- A second yellow given to the same player during that game will result in a red card. The penalized player will be made to sit out for the rest of that game and the team will play short a player for the remainder of the game. The ejected player must also leave the field house immediately. The game will not restart until the ejected player is completely out of the facility. Red-carded players WILL BE suspended for the next game as well. Continuing offenders during the season MAY BE stripped from that teams roster and receive up to a one-year suspension. This is solely at the discretion of the facility manager and attending referee. There will be no refunds given to any player due to suspension.
- A yellow card does not need to precede a red. If major misconduct is apparent, such as attempting to injure another player, the referee may immediately eject the offender.

## Penalty Kicks

- The goalkeeper must touch the goal line with some part of their shoes until the ball is kicked. The player taking the kick will not be permitted to play the ball until the keeper is ready and the referee signals the kick to be taken. Play is live if the ball is missed, however, the penalty-taker cannot re-touch the ball unless another player does so first.

## League Rules

- Regular season standings will be based on 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. The playoff schedule will be based on regular season results and will be distributed prior to the last regular season game.

## Split Field Modifications

The above rules will be enforced other than the following modifications:

- Goalie punts are allowed in the U10 games with no restrictions.
- The goalie box is the larger, blue rectangular box (not the semi circle).

- Game play will be 7v7, including the goalkeeper. The Adult Leagues will play 6v6, including the goalkeeper. In the Adult Coed League, at least two (2) females must be on the field at all times (no exceptions).
- All kicks are indirect other than penalties occurring in the goal box in which a penalty kick is assessed.
- U10 level games will use size 4 balls, instead of size 5.