

SUPPLEMENTAL RULES FOR
15 and Under | 18 and Under

Official current US Soccer Laws of the Game will be used (please reference www.ussoccer.com or the field supervisor if unfamiliar) with local modifications. The following *exceptions* are introduced to: 1) emphasize teamwork; 2) provide a learning environment; 3) provide an opportunity for all players to participate.

TIME LIMIT

Two 25 minute halves. If the game is suspended due to weather or mechanical failures (lights, sprinklers, etc.), the game will count toward final standings **IF** the 2nd half has started. If the 2nd half has not begun, the game will be re-played from the start at a later time.

PLAYERS TIME

Players **must** play at least twelve minutes in each half.

SUBSTITUTION

All substitutions are coaching decisions, and the substitutions must be at mid-field. Substitutions will be made as follows:

EITHER TEAM MAY SUBSTITUTE:

- a. On a throw-in.
- b. On a goal kick.
- c. When a goal has been scored.
- d. When play is stopped and an injured player is attended to on the field.

EXCEPTION: During a penalty kick situation;

- a) the only substitution permitted is for an injured player;
- b) a substitute entering the game at this time shall not take a penalty kick.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON FIELD

Eleven, including the goalkeeper; seven to start. Game time is forfeit time. Teams may play a one-person advantage.

OFFSIDE

Offside **will be called**.

TEAM BENCHES

One team on each side of the field. The team listed as "home" on the schedule will occupy the farthest side of the field from the parking lot, or the left side of the field as it is approached. Coaches and parents shall remain on that side of the field **ONLY**. If a disagreement occurs on which team occupies which side of the field; the **field supervisor** shall make that determination.

EQUIPMENT

Size of ball is a #5. Detachable, metal, or toe cleats are prohibited; molded soles are recommended; flat shoes (sneakers) are acceptable; **SHIN GUARDS ARE REQUIRED**. Socks must **completely** cover the shin guards. **Jewelry** and shorts with zippers are prohibited. **At Kiln Creek Park, Coventry, and Dare Elementary Schools an orange line will be used to indicate the sideline.**

OVER

AWARDS

There will be no post-season tournament.

Standings are maintained by a "total points" system.

1. Two points are awarded for each win.
2. One point is awarded for each tie.
3. No points for losses, nor are there deducted points.

First- and second-place teams at end of season receive awards.

1. In case of two-way ties, results of head-to-head competition (but not total goals) shall determine champion and runner-up.
2. In the event of three-way ties (or anything over a three-way tie), results of head-to-head competition of those teams involved will be judged by the "total points" system.

EXAMPLE: Team A - 13 points (end of season)
Team B - 13 points (end of season)
Team C - 13 points (end of season)

Team A:	Team B:	Team C:
B vs A - B wins	B vs A - B wins	A vs C - tie game
A vs B - A wins	B vs C - tie game	B vs C - tie game
C vs A - tie game	A vs B - A wins	C vs A - tie game
A vs C - tie game	C vs B - B wins	C vs B - B wins

"A" compiles 4 total points in head-to-head competition.

"B" compiles 5 total points in head-to-head competition.

"C" compiles 3 total points in head-to-head competition.

Highest point totals determine winner(s). In this case, Team B finishes in first and Team A finishes second.

If still tied, convert to defensive goals between teams and then season will be used to place teams.

Every player in the league will receive a participation jersey.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

All players and coaches will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game upon notice of their third yellow card in a season, issued by the referee. Any player or coach ejected from a game, (receiving a red card by a referee), will automatically be suspended one (1) game for unsportsmanlike conduct and two (2) games for fighting. The suspension will be served during the next scheduled game (s) by his/her team. No notice of the suspension will be required. In the event a player/coach deviates from the suspension, it will constitute a forfeit.

HEADERS

Limited heading in practice for players in 15u. More specifically, these players shall be limited to no more than 15-20 headers per player, per week. Any player suspected of suffering a head injury must be substituted for evaluation. There are no heading restrictions in games.

SLIDE TACKLES

Slide tackles from behind should be actively discouraged by coaches for all players regardless of age group. Referees officiating all games are instructed to issue a yellow card to players attempting slide tackles from behind (regardless of whether the player attempting the slide tackle "gets the ball first"). Please keep in mind that such tackles from behind may also result in an immediate red card, depending on the degree of recklessness and seriousness of the foul. While slide tackles from the side/front are permitted, referees are nonetheless instructed to consider the safety of the players first. Therefore, even a successful slide tackle that includes excessive physical or reckless contact shall merit either a yellow or red card. 'Getting the ball first' does not equate to a successful slide tackle.

USA SOCCER NEW RULE: RESTARTS IN GOAL BOX (GOAL KICKS, INDIRECT KICKS, PENALTY KICKS)

The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves by the defending team.
The ball will become live, regardless if the ball clears the goal box or not.

USA SOCCER NEW RULE: DROP BALL

A drop ball will be called when the ball hits the referee and possession is not regained by the team in possession of the ball at the time it hits the referee. If possession is regained that does not result in an immediate attack on goal then play will continue. All drop balls will be dropped to the team that had possession when the infraction occurred. Any drop ball called in the penalty area will be dropped to the keeper.



PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

AS A YORK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PARTICIPANT, I WILL:

- Treat other players, officials, coaches or spectators with respect, regardless of their age or decisions.
- Participate in organized practices and games to the best of my ability by arriving on time and respecting my coaches and other players.
- Encourage and display good sporting conduct and follow by-laws, rules, etc.
- NOT show dissent by words or actions with official's decisions.
- NOT make negative remarks towards nor harass other players, officials, coaches or spectators.
- NOT play in a reckless, violent or dangerous manner or any manner that might cause reckless or deliberate injury to myself or to other players.
- NOT use nor be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at practices or games.
- NOT threaten, harass or intimidate officials in any way before, during and after any game.
- NOT use offensive, profane, or vulgar language at practices or games.
- Respect the facilities (fields, gymnasiums, school property, etc.), refrain from littering, and honor field closures.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official and/or York County P&R Staff
- Written warning from York County P&R League Coordinator
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by York County P&R League Coordinator
- Season suspension

I understand that if I am suspended or expelled from school, I am not permitted on York County School Division (YCSD) property and will not be able to participate in York County Parks and Recreation programs for the duration of the suspension. I understand that this also applies to Non-County residents in York County P&R programs.

Serious matters that occur on school property *may result* in the school being informed and could result in action taken by YCSD. If **law enforcement** becomes involved, **YCSD will be informed** and I may receive disciplinary action from the school administration in addition to league consequences.

As a York County P&R Participant, I agree to follow the Rules and Regulations and support York County P&R programs.