

SOCCER RULES OF PLAY



PLAYER AREA:

- Only players are allowed between the fields.
- Teams are allowed on the playing surface ten minutes prior to game time, given the prior game has concluded.

ROSTER:

- Goalies are universal players and do not have to appear on the team roster in order to play.
- All field players MUST be on the roster for the team they are playing for.
- Roster information must include a parent signature for any player under the age of 18.
- Teams without rosters submitted after the due date will be required to forfeit any game in which their roster is challenged.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

On The Fly:

- Field players and goalies may be substituted at any point in time as long as the ball is in play.
- Subbing on the fly is not permitted on dead balls (throw ins and corner kicks).
- The entering and exiting players must be within 5-8 yards of the team bench area.
- Failure to complete a proper substitution will result in too many men on the field and a direct free kick will be awarded to the opposing team. The free kick will be taken from the penalty spot of the guilty team. A wall may be set.

GUARANTEED SUBSTITUTIONS:

- Guaranteed only at the time of a goal kick or after a goal has been scored, subject to referee's discretion.
- In the pursuit of fair play, the referee MAY NOT allow a whole line change in the last 2 minutes of the half and/or the last 2 minutes of the game.

FAIR PLAY:

Infractions resulting in disciplinary action:

- 2 minutes: Player may be substituted but may not reenter play for 2 minutes.
- 5 minutes: Player may be substituted but may not reenter play for 5 minutes.
- Current game suspension: The player will be asked to leave the field of play and will NOT be allowed to reenter for the duration of the game. This player MAY BE REPLACED on the field with another player.
- Future Game suspension: The player may be asked not to return for a determined number of games.
- Banned: Player may not be allowed to play in ANY league at OYA. This action is reserved for severe and/or persistent disregard for the rules of safety.
- A field player MAY serve a goalies penalty time. This does NOT apply when there is a suspension and/or banning assessed to the goalie.

FOULS:

- A direct kick will be awarded for kicking, tripping, jumping at an opponent, holding, pushing, charging violently, striking, sliding and spitting. A yellow or red card may also be given.

****UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED****

- Players receiving two yellow cards in one game must sit out the remaining portion of the game and the next game.
- Players receiving a red card are ejected from the current game and the next scheduled game.
- Players caught violating the game suspension policy above will be suspended permanently from OYA.

SLIDING:

- Outside of the box will result in a direct free kick at the spot of the slide.
- Goalkeepers are permitted to slide in the box, if they leave the box while sliding they will be penalized. The resulting penalty will be a direct free kick for the opposing team outside the penalty box at the point where the goalie left the box sliding.
- Inside of the box will result in a direct free kick outside the penalty box at the closest point where the infraction happened.

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OFF SIDES:

- There is no offside in our indoor leagues.
- There is offside in our outdoor leagues.

GOALKEEPER RESTRICTIONS:

- FIFA goalkeeper's rules apply on the back pass.
- Goalies are permitted as many steps as possible within 6 seconds.
- Goalkeepers have 6 seconds to distribute the ball after recovering from making a save.
- Punting and dropkicking is not allowed in any indoor adult league .
- Punting and dropkicking is allowed in all outdoor adult league .

FIELD OF PLAY:

Out of Bounds:

- The ball is in bounds until the referee signals otherwise.
- If the ball hits the dome it is deemed out of bounds and result in a kick in or throw in at which the ball hit the dome.
- The referee is part of the field and deemed in play.

BENCH AREA:

- Players and coaches must stay back from the touchline.
- Bags, coats, water bottles, etc... must be kept a safe distance from the touchline.
- Coaches and players must keep themselves within an acceptable distance of their team's bench area.
- Coaches and players are not allowed to cross the half line while on their bench.
- NO chairs or benches are allowed in the player area.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME PROCEDURE:

- Any game resulting in a tie at the end of regulation play will go directly to penalty kicks.
(Three for indoor, Five for outdoor)
- If tied after a first round, sudden death penalty kicks will be the deciding factor in the win of the game.

****ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO THE REFEREES DISCRETION!****

EQUIPMENT:

- You can wear molded cleats, as long as they are clean
- Same or similar uniforms/T-shirts must be worn.
- Goalies must wear a different color jersey from both teams.
- OYA pinnies will be supplied in the case of like colors.
- NO jewelry, watches, or dangerous articles of clothing are permitted.
- The proper sized ball for the age group will be used for games.

ALCOHOL:

- The consumption of alcohol at Oakland Yard or any off-site location prior to a game by any player is strictly prohibited.
- Team managers will be held responsible for all players. Anyone in violation of this policy will be restricted from participating in the game in question. Recurring violations of this policy will result in suspension from remaining session play.

RESTARTS:

- All restarts are direct kicks.

KICK-OFF:

- Need not go forward in order to be live and in play.
- Are direct (always).

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KICK-IN: (Adult League)

- NO second attempts are allowed for balls that do not enter the field on the first try.
- The ball cannot be kicked higher than the knee of the referee (at referee's judgment).
- Kick-ins above the knee will result in a kick-in for the opposing team.

GOAL KICK:

- To be kicked from the goal line or in front of the goal, players are given flexibility on ball placement.
- May be played at any height.
- Must exit the goal box in order to be live and in play.
- Must be put back into play in a fair amount of time as deemed by the referee.
- Failure to do so will result in a kick-in on the touchline for the opposing team.
- Are ALWAYS direct.

CORNER KICKS:

- May be played at any height.
- Must be taken within 1 yard of the corner.
- Must be put back in play in a fair amount of time as deemed by the referee.
- Failure to do so will result in a goal kick for the opposing team.
- Are ALWAYS direct.

FREE KICKS:

- May be played at any height.
- Are taken from the spot of the foul or at the penalty spot if the infraction is committed inside the goal box.
- Must be taken within 10 SECONDS of the spotting of the ball and/or setting the wall.
- With the exception of penalty kicks, may be defended with a wall set 8 yards from the ball.
- Are ALWAYS direct.
- Awarded if pass back to keeper is picked up. Kick will be placed at the edge of goal box.

GAME DURATION:

- Indoor games are 25 minutes with a running clock.
- Outdoor games are 35 minutes with a running clock.

PAYMENT OF LEAGUE:

- A credit card must be kept on file incase the bill is not paid.
- The full amount of the bill must be paid by the end of the night on the third weeks game. If failure to pay bill the credit card will be charged on the fourth week for the entire session and the team will be removed from future schedule.
- The credit card information will be held in locked file cabinet so your information will be safe.
- Rosters will be given back to managers on last day of session (We do NOT keep CC information).
- Failure to pay full