

PTYSC/MYSA/Tuslaw Soccer League

Rules of Play

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The rules of play for all contests shall be the most current [Laws of the Game](#) as published by IFAB and direction from the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives (PDI).

Rules/Regulations	U6 - 4v4	U8 - 5v5	U10 - 7v7	U12 - 7v7
Recommended Field Size	Length: 55-65 yards Width: 35-45 yards			
Recommended Goal Size	4' x 6'	5' x 7'	8' x 10'	8' x 10'
Ball Size	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4
Optional Game Roster <i>but not required</i>	7	9	11	11
Number of Players on Field	4v4	5v5 (includes goalkeeper)	7v7 (includes goalkeeper)	7v7 (includes goalkeeper)
Minimum Players to Start	3	4	5	5
Goalkeepers	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Max Coaches on Sidelines	2	2	2	2
Referees	1	1	1	1
Duration of Game <i>(no extra time permitted)</i>	25 min	2 x 25 min halves / 5 min halftime	2 x 25 min halves / 5 min halftime	2 x 30 min halves / 5 min halftime
Kick-off After Goal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goalie Punting	No	No	U10 - No	U12 - No
Heading	No	No	No	No
Buildout Line	No	No	Yes	Yes
Offsides	NO Offsides	NO Offsides	Buildout line	Buildout line

Substitutions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Either team may substitute at any stoppage of play, with the referee's permission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substitutions must be at center line Player being removed should leave field at closest point Recommended when a player has been cautioned (not required) - good teaching moment Substituted players may return to play in the game There is no substitution limitation
Goal Kicks & Goal Box	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Spring 2020, the goal box is now in play as soon as the goalie releases the ball or the person taking the goal kick touches the ball. For U8, players should drop behind half field for all goal kicks. For U10 and U12, players should drop behind the build out line.
Pass-Back Rule	If the referee determines a field player <u>intentionally</u> kicked the ball back to the goalkeeper, who handles the ball with their hands a foul will be called resulting in a IFK at the spot of the foul (unless in the goal areas, the ball is then placed on the 6). Unintentional deflections are not fouls, referee

discretion on intent, not coach or spectators.

Field Rules	Local league specific field policies apply. Coaches & Parents are responsible for know the rules.
Severe Weather Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If lightning is seen or thunder is heard the game must be immediately suspended 2. The game may not be resume until 30 min after the last occurrence of thunder/lightning3. It is the referee's discretion how long to wait or call a game.<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Adult coaches should discuss with youth refs when making decision on how long to wait/cancel the game4. If the game is cancelled after the 2nd half has begun, it is considered a complete game 5. If the game is cancelled prior to the start of the 2nd half the game must be rescheduled to be played in its entirety.5. If the temperature is above 85 degrees, the referee should add an additional hydration break during games. Coaches should use incorporate additional hydration breaks in practices when the temperature is above 85 degrees.6. Games/practices will be cancelled if temperatures are below 35 degree (dry) or 45 degrees (wet).
Standings & Tie-Breakers	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Teams with the most points wins (win = 3 pts, tie = 1 pt, loss = 0 pts)2. Tied teams: winner of the game played between the two tied teams<ul style="list-style-type: none">o <i>If 3 or more teams are tied for points go to step 3</i>3. Goal differential: highest number of net goals (max goal differential is 5)4. Fewest goals allowed
*Buildout Line (7v7 only)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Location = equidistant from the top of the penalty box and the halfway line2. The build out line promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting 3. When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play4. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed)5. After the ball is put into play, the opposing team can cross the buildout line & resumes play 6. The opposing team must also move behind the build out line prior to a goal kick and may only cross the build out line once the ball has left the penalty area7. If the goalkeeper chooses to put the ball in play prior to the opposing team getting behind the buildout line the ball is live.8. The build out line shall be used for offsides.
Eligible Players	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Teams shall be limited to the players on that teams roster. No player shall be rostered on two (2) teams playing in the league.2. Players who are playing at the Club/Travel level shall not be permitted to also play in the recreation league.3. Players cannot play down an age group.4. Players can roster on multiple teams in different age groups.5. These rules may be adjusted for specific circumstances, with the approval of the director of PTYSC, Tuslaw Soccer, and MYSA Soccer.6. Any team that violates these rules shall forfeit the game in which the ineligible player participated.
Player Misconduct	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Yellow Card - Player shall be warned and removed from the game. The player may be substituted back into the game at the next stop.2. Red Card - Player is removed from the game. The player shall be required to sit out the next contest.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. If the red card is for fighting or extreme disrespect to an opponent or referee, the player may be required to sit out additional games.

Coach Misconduct	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yellow Card - Coach shall be warned and shall not address the referee for the remainder of the game. 2. Red Card - Coach shall leave the premises. The referee and opposing coach shall notify the league. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Depending on the underlying reason for the red card, the coach may be restricted from attending the next game, or if the circumstances require it, be removed for the rest of the season. 3. Referees will be advised to give yellow cards to coaches if there is any dissent. The league has an interest in training and retaining our youth referees. It is imperative that they have an enjoyable experience when refereeing in our league. 4. Coaches should take steps to limit the goal differential to 6 goals. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Coaches are expected to find ways to stop scoring, which include, moving weaker players into attacking positions, sitting stronger players, removing a player, or creating passing objectives.
Parent / Guardian / Adult Misconduct	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yellow Card - Parent/Guardian/Adult shall be warned of the poor sportsmanship and may maintain presence at the field of play. 2. Red Card - Parent/Guardian/Adult must be removed from the field of play. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parent/Guardian/Adult must go to a location that will not disrupt the game to continue. b. If the Parent/Guardian/Adult refuses to remove themselves, the referee has the ability at their sole discretion to stop the game. The game will be called complete no matter the duration of the game. 3. If the red card is for fighting or extreme disrespect to an opponent or referee, the Parent/Guardian/Adult may be required to sit out additional games.