



## Farmville Parks and Recreation

*Youth Soccer*

***Fall 2022***

### League Format

<u>Age</u>	<u>Game Format</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
2-4	5 vs 5 No goalkeeper	3
5-6	5 vs 5, With goalkeeper	3
7-9*	7 vs 7, With goalkeeper	3
10-13*	7 vs 7, With goalkeeper	4

\*Teams may play up to 8 aside IF BOTH TEAMS AGREE

Age	Duration of Game	Fouls	Off Sides	Corner Kicks	Penalty Kicks	Heading	Substitutions	Slide Tackling	Coach on Field
2-4	Four 6 Minute Quarters. 5 Minute Half-Time	All Indirect	No	No	No	No	Anytime During Play	No	Yes
5-6	Four 7 Minute Quarters. 5 Minute Half-Time	All Indirect	No	No	No	No	Anytime During Play	No	Yes
7-9	Two 20 Minute Halves. 5 Minute Half-Time	By USSF and/or Laws of the games FIFA	No	Yes	Yes	No	See on next page under Substitutions	No	No
10-13	Two 30 Minute Halves. 5 Minute Half-Time	By USSF and/or Laws of the games FIFA	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	See on next page under Substitutions	No	No

• Each player is only permitted to play one quarter (5-6) or one half (7-9/10-13) as a goalie.

• No player may play the entire game unless there are no subs available.

- All Coaches should try to keep playing time for all players as balanced as possible.

## **1. Governing Rules**

Play will be governed by FIFA rules with the following modifications. FIFA Laws of the Game can be found at [www.ussoccer.com/referees](http://www.ussoccer.com/referees). It is the responsibility of the coaches and referees to understand the modification for their age group or matches.

## **2. Equipment**

- A. Shoes – Tennis shoes or soccer cleats must be worn. Cleats are REQUIRED for 7 and up. Soccer cleats must have a one-piece molded bottom. Shoes with metal cleats or hard nylon cleats will not be permitted. • Shoes with cleats screwing into the shoe will not be permitted. • Shoes with toe cleats (baseball) will not be allowed.
- B. Shin guards – REQUIRED to be worn by all players 5 and up. Recommended for 2-4.
- C. Earrings & Piercings will not be allowed. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.
- D. Balls – 2-4 will use size 3 balls, 5-6 will use size 3 balls and 7-9 will use size 3 balls, 10-13 will use size 4 balls.

### **E. Players will be allowed to wear masks while playing due to COVID-19.**

## **3. Start of Play**

- A. For the kickoff, the ball is placed in a stationary position on the center spot. The referee or coach gives a signal for the kick-off and a player of the team kicking off, and then takes a place kick.
  - B. Opposing players must be outside the center circle and remain on their own half of the field until the ball is kicked.
  - C. The ball no longer has to move forward into opponent's half at the kick-off. (It can be kicked backward to start the game.)
  - D. The kicker must not play the ball a second time on the kickoff until it has been played or touched by another player.
4. **Substitutions:** May be made prior to the throw-ins (in your favor), goal kicks, after a goal has been scored, between halves, when a referee has stopped play due to an injury or after a player has been cautioned.
5. **Heading:** Is banned for divisions 13 & Under and below. Penalty: If during the course of play, a header is deliberately performed, play will be stopped and an indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team.
  - 1. The indirect free kick is to be taken from the place where the player touched the ball with his/her head.
  - 2. An indirect free kick awarded to the attacking team inside the opposing team's goal area, must be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the player touched the ball with his/her head.
  - 3. Neither cautions nor send offs shall be issued for persistent infringement or denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity related to a heading infraction.
6. **Build Out Rule: 7-9 and 10-13 only.** When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (Punting is NOT allowed). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line, and play resumes as normal  
Penalty: a. If defending team does not respect the build out line. Play is stopped, the ball is returned to the goalkeeper and then allowed to resume as outlined above. b. If a goalkeeper punts the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the

offense. If the punt occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

## **7. Ball In and Out of Play**

- A. The ball is out of play when it has completely crossed the sideline or end line. 2-4 will put the ball back into play by a Referee.
  - 5-6, 7-9, and 10-13 will put the ball back into play by a throw in. Violations will be called for incorrect technique and player will re-throw. 7-9 and 10-13 will put the ball back into play by a throw in. Violations will be called for incorrect technique. Player will not re-throw.
- B. If the ball completely crosses either end line (except between the goal posts and under the crossbar) it is put back into play by: I). Goal kick if offensive team kicked the ball out of play. II). Corner kick if defensive team kicks the ball out of play (5 & up).
- C. 2-4 has no goal kicks or corner kicks.

## **8. Free Kicks**

- A. Indirect free kick – Awarded for technical offenses. A goal cannot be scored directly from an indirect free kick. It must touch one player before a goal can count. I). Indirect kick offenses: kicker playing the ball after they kick it off, free kick. Goal kick, fair charge on the ball when neither is playing the ball, obstruction, dangerous play, violating goalkeeper restrictions.
- B. Direct free kicks – Awarded for penal offenses. A goal can be scored directly from the kick. I). Direct kick offenses: kicking, striking, tripping, jumping at an opponent (or attempting these acts), handling, pushing, dangerous charging and slide tackling (if not allowed)

## **9. Scoring (7-9- and 10–13-year-old)**

- A. One point is scored for the kicking team when the ball completely passes over the end line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar. Younger age groups do not keep official scores.

## **10. Additional Players**

- A. If you have a player who drops off of your team during the season, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office and we will attempt to place another player on your team from our waiting list. Under no circumstance should coaches add players to their team without contacting Parks and Recreation Staff. Players who have not registered through Parks and Recreation and paid the registration fee may not participate in any soccer activities.

## **11. Ejections**

- A. Player: If a player is ejected from a game, they must remain on the sideline with their team under the supervision of their coach. I). Any player who is ejected will be suspended a minimum of one game; additional punishment may be given pending review by the Parks and Recreation Director. II). If a player receives a second ejection, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season. An additional penalty may be given pending review by the Parks and Recreation Director.
- B. Coach: If a coach is ejected from a game, they must leave the facility within ten (10) minutes. I). Any coach who is ejected will be suspended the next game. If a coach receives a second ejection, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

## **12. Inclement Weather**

- A. In the first instance of games being cancelled by Parks and Recreation staff due to inclement weather, games will be rescheduled. Only Parks and Recreation staff may

cancel games. If games are cancelled for a second time, Parks and Recreation staff will attempt to reschedule a second time. Games may be rescheduled on a weekday evening or Saturday.

- B. Coaches will be contacted as soon as possible, by email, text, or phone call in the event of game cancellations. Parents and coaches may also check Facebook for any game cancellations or updates.

There is no tournament during the spring season, just the fall.

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