

MYAA RECREATION SOCCER

1st and 2nd GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

LAW 1 – The Field of Play:

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touch line must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Length: minimum 40 yards / maximum 50 yards

Width: minimum 25 yards / maximum 35 yards

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. There is no center mark or circle.

The Goal Area: None

The Penalty Area: None

Flag posts: None

The Corner Arc: None

Goals: approximately 5' by 10'

LAW 2 – The Ball: Size four (4)

LAW 3 – The Number of Players:

A match is played by two teams; each consisting of no more than six (6) players per team [five (5) field players and one (1) goalkeeper (6v6)].

Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited.

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

Teams are kept small with no more than 10 players assigned to a roster.

Divisions are divided by gender and should be enrolled in either 1st or 2nd grade during the time of the season.

Rosters are selected randomly with a goal to form equal/balanced teams to promote a fun/competitive environment. The Recreation Soccer Commissioner or his/her designee will assign players to teams. Player allocation considerations may include, but not be limited to, the following: teammate/coach requests, carpooling requests, school and neighborhood similarities. TEAMMATE AND COACH REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

Each team must have a volunteer parent coach. When possible an assistant coach will also be allocated.

If the number of players outweighs the number of volunteer coaches, players will be removed from the program and given a full refund. The order to which players will be turned away will be based upon the last to register and so forth.

LAW 4 – The Players Equipment:

Conform to FIFA rules. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. All players must wear shin guards and provided soccer socks that cover the shin guard entirely. Shin guards cannot be worn over the socks. Soccer cleats are suggested.

Jewelry: All earrings and necklaces must be removed. Taping earrings is unacceptable by the rules.

Glasses: No eyeglasses are to be worn, without protective eyewear, as per NJ Law Chapter 306; effective July 1, 2006. This applies to matches and training sessions.

CHAPTER 306

AN ACT concerning protective eyewear for certain children and supplementing Title 5 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.5:18-1 Protective eyewear for certain children participating in sports.

1. Any child who wears corrective eyeglasses while participating in racquetball, squash, tennis, women's lacrosse, basketball, women's field hockey, badminton, paddleball, soccer, volleyball, baseball or softball, sponsored by a school, community or government agency, shall be required to wear protective eyewear that meets the frames standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F803 and lens standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1.

C.5:18-2 Grants to assist low-income families.

2. The New Jersey Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, established under P.L.1999, c.265 (C.26:1A-37.5 et seq.) is authorized to provide grants to assist low-income families in purchasing the protective eyewear. As used in this section, a "low-income family" means a family which qualifies for low-income housing under the standards promulgated by the Council on Affordable Housing pursuant to the "Fair Housing Act," P.L.1985, c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.).

C.5:18-3 Immunity from civil liability.

3. No school, community or government agency engaged in organizing, teaching, refereeing or coaching a sports activity described in section 1 of this act shall be liable in a civil action for failure to administer or enforce the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect six months after the date of enactment.

Approved January 11, 2006.

LAW 5 – Referees: 2 youth referees

Coaches shall remain off the field in their player bench (technical) area adjacent to the touch line during match play. Coaches, parents, players and spectators shall remain back a minimum distance of one (1) yard from the touch line.

LAW 6 – Assistant Referees: None

LAW 7 – The Duration of the Match:

The match is divided into four (4) ten-minute quarters. A 2-minute break between the 1st and 2nd quarter; and 3rd and 4th quarter. The half-time interval is five (5) minutes.

LAW 8 - The Start and Restart of Play:

Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

LAW 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play:

Conform to FIFA.

LAW 10 – The Method of Scoring:

Conform to FIFA. The ball must completely cross the goal line for a goal. SCORE is not recorded at this level and no official team standings are posted.

LAW 11 – Offside:

Conform to FIFA

LAW 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:

Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick. The Referee will explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards or send off shall be issued to players. If a player is being too rambunctious, then the referee will ask the coach to make a substitution of that player.

No slide tackles to be allowed in this age group/division.

LAW 13 – Free Kicks:

Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that all free kicks are direct and opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

LAW 14 – The Penalty Kick: None

LAW 15 – The Pass-In: (Thrown-in)

Conform to FIFA. Players failing to properly execute a “throw-in” will be given instruction and given a second opportunity.

LAW 16 – The Goal Kick:

The goal kick should be taken four (4) yards from the goal line anywhere across the width of the field of play at the nearest point from where the ball was retrieved. Opposing players must be eight (8) yards away from the ball until it is in play.

LAW 17 – The Corner Kick:

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

SPORTSMANSHIP – Sticking tongues out, spitting on hands for “high fives” after games etc., are unacceptable. Coaches should promote positive play and good sportsmanship.

Volunteer coaches are encouraged to hold one (1) training session weekly.

Coaches and Players will be allocated and team rosters will be sent electronically to coaches no less than 2 weeks before the opening day.

Specific teammate and coach requests are not guaranteed.

1st and 2nd grade players will be issued a Medford Soccer Club team jersey and soccer socks.

The recreation program (season) will generally consist of 10 games. Efforts will be made to “make-up” games cancelled due to inclement weather; however based upon scheduling, not guaranteed.

Each team is permitted to have a maximum of two (2) volunteer coaches on the sideline with the players. Parents/spectators should be on the opposite side of the field from the player bench.

Parents shall not interact with youth referees. Any parent/spectator having concerns regarding officiating should be directed to the coach at an appropriate time.

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Approved by: MYAA Recreation Soccer Commissioner