



Farmville Parks and Recreation *Youth Soccer*

League Format

<u>Age</u>	<u>Game Format</u>	<u>Field Size</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
2-4	3 vs 3, No goalkeeper	30'x 20'	3
5-6	4 vs 4, With goalkeeper	30' x 20'	3
7-8	5 vs 5, With goalkeeper	40' x 30'	3
9-12	7 vs 7, With goalkeeper	70' x 50'	4

Age	Duration of Game	Fouls	Off Sides	Corner Kicks	Penalty Kicks	Heading	Substitutions	Slide Tackling	Coach on Field
2-4	4, 5 Minute Quarters	All Indirect	No	No	No	No	Anytime During Play	No	Yes
5-6	4, 7 Minute Quarters	All Indirect	No	No	No	No	Anytime During Play	No	Yes
7-8	2, 20 Minute Halves	All Indirect	No	Yes	Yes	No	Anytime During Play	No	No
9-12	2, 30 Minute Halves	By Fifa	No	Yes	Yes	No	At Any Stoppage	No	No

• Each player is only permitted to play one quarter (5-6) or one half (7-10/9-12) as a goalie.

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

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. 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. 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.
- 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 7-8 will use size 3 balls, 9-12 will use size 4 balls.

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 must be kicked into the opponents half of the field during the kickoff.
- 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. 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 kick-in. ii. 5-6 will put the ball back into play by a throw in. Violations will be called for incorrect technique and player will re-throw. iii. 7-8 and 9-12 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 kick the ball out of play.

5. 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)

6. Scoring (7-8 and 9-12 year olds)

- 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.

7. 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.

8. 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. Following the suspension, the player and their parent must meet with the Parks and Recreation Director before being allowed to play in the team's next game.
 - iii. 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 two (2) minutes.
 - i. Any coach who is ejected will be suspended a minimum of one game; additional punishment may be given pending review by the Parks and Recreation Director. The suspended coach may not participate in any team activities held at a Parks and Recreation facility, including games and practices.
 - ii. Following the suspension, the coach must meet with the Parks and Recreation Director before being allowed to coach the team's next game.
 - iii. If a coach 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 staff.
- C. Ejection Review Process: Within 48 hours of a player or coach being ejected, the Parks and Recreation Director will initiate a review process to determine if a greater penalty needs to be assessed. The review process will consist of:
 - i. Gathering written reports and documentation of the events that took place from individuals who were involved; this may include the site supervisor, game officials and other players or coaches.
 - ii. The ejected person will be informed by the Parks and Recreation Director of the penalty.

9. 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 by Parks and Recreation staff, games will not be rescheduled a second time. Games may be rescheduled on weekday evening or Saturday.
- B. Coaches will be contacted as soon as possible, by email only, in the event of game cancellations.