

KIMBERLY YOUTH ASSOCIATION SOCCER RULES 2025

GRADES K-1-2 (Ball size 3)

1. 7 players max on field at a time includes 1-goalie (Kinder recommendation is 5 players max)
2. Must have minimum of 4 players to play game or forfeit
3. Shin guards MUST be worn by all players at all times during practices AND games
4. When ball is kicked out over the sidelines the ball will be thrown in by other team. Ball must be thrown in with BOTH feet on the ground and thrown over head with two hands. If not done properly, 2nd attempt instructed by referee
5. Game is (4) 10-minute quarters, with a running clock.
6. No Off Side will be called
7. Fouls/Injuries/Etc: A DIRECT FREE KICK is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following offences in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless, or using excessive force. A direct free kick is taken from where the offence occurred. (A goal may be scored directly from a direct free kick.)
 - A. Trips or attempts to trip an opponent.
 - B. Tackling from behind. This occurs when a player attempts to try to take the ball away from behind which often leads to a dangerous trip of the offensive player.
 - C. Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.
 - D. Holds an opponent.
 - E. Pushes an opponent.
 - F. Handles the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper in his/her own penalty area).
 - G. Other action that the referee deems reckless or using excessive force.
8. When the defending team kicks the ball out of bounds over their own goal line, the attacking team gets to take a corner kick
9. An indirect free kick will be given to teams on an alternating basis if play is stopped due to an injury or doggie pile situation that the referee whistles dead.
10. If the attacking team kicks the ball out of play over the goal line, the defending team gets a goal kick. The goalie kicks the ball upfield from the goal box. The team that is not making the goal kick must stay 10 yard back from location of the goal kick(goal box) until the ball is kicked.
11. No yellow or red cards. However, if there is a player that repeatedly makes dangerous fouls and continues to do so after being warned then the referee can ask the coach to remove the player from the game and discuss a course of corrective action.
12. No penalty kicks
13. No head first slides, NO heading the ball, feet first slides allowed. Try to teach kids to stay on their feet to help prevent injury.
14. Goal may be awarded on kick off
15. Subs are unlimited, can be made at dead ball whistles, time outs or if an injury occurs
16. Coach may be on the field at all times during play, however they must do their best to not interfere with play
17. UNINTENTIONAL hand balls are NOT a foul (to protect face/body, etc.). This is up to referee discretion.
18. Please help players understand that they must not kick at the ball if the goalie has control or near control of the ball. We want to prevent goalies from getting kicked.

GRADES 3-4 (Ball Size 4)

Same rules as K-2 with the following exceptions:

1. (4) 10-minute quarters
2. 9 players max per side including goalie EX (4 front - 4 backs) (3 fronts - 2 mids - 3 backs)
3. WITH LIMITED ROSTER WE CAN PLAY 5 ON 5/6 ON 6 (there must be enough players to have subs)
4. Coaches must be on side lines

GRADES 5-6 (Ball size 5)

Same rules as K-4 with the following exceptions:

1. (4) 12-minute quarters
2. Off-side will be called

COACHES, PLEASE TAKE PART IN HELPING YOUR TEAM UNDERSTAND RULES AND PLAY CORRECTLY. PLEASE HELP YOUR TEAM UNDERSTAND THAT DANGEROUS PLAY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

SPORTSMANSHIP IS A MUST AND REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.

REMEMBER, THIS IS RECREATIONAL SPORTS. FOUL LANGUAGE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE OR TOLERATED.

NO YELLING AT THE OFFICIALS FOR ANY REASON

EACH PLAYER IS EXPECTED TO PLAY HALF THE GAME, PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES PLEASE CONTACT ME AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF IT.

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OFF-SIDE EXPLAINED:

OFF-SIDE CAN BE CALLED WHEN YOU ARE AHEAD OF THE BALL AND IN FRONT OF THE 2ND DEFENDER (EXAMPLE BELOW SHOWS GOALIE IS 1ST DEFENDER)



Pass cannot be made from your own teammate if you are ahead of the defender.

It is not off-side during a corner throw-in or corner kick.

It is not off-side if the person receiving the pass was behind the ball.