

# PBGYAA Soccer: Game Rules for Coaches/Officials

## Spring Season 2014

The leagues in the program are as follows:

- Game Times, Ball size, and Amount of Players Per Team:

<b>Coed:</b>	<b><u>Ball Size</u></b>	<b><u>Game Times</u></b>	<b><u># of Players</u></b>
<u>U5/U6 League</u>	<u>#3 Ball</u>	Games consist of four 10-minute periods	6 Vs. 6
<u>HS League</u>	<u>#5 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 30 minute halves.	8 Vs. 8

**Boys:**

<u>U8 League</u>	<u>#4 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	6 Vs. 6
<u>U10 League</u>	<u>#4 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	6 Vs. 6
<u>U12 League</u>	<u>#4 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	8 Vs. 8
<u>U14 League</u>	<u>#5 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	8 Vs. 8

**Girls:**

<u>U8 League</u>	<u>#4 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	6 Vs. 6
<u>U10 League</u>	<u>#4 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	6 Vs. 6
<u>U12 League</u>	<u>#4 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	8 Vs. 8
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- All games will end on time, even if they start late. For example, 8:30am games will be finished and off the field by 9:30am, even if they started late.
- In the **U5,U6, U8, U10**, divisions there will be no offside's called. However, if in the discretion of the referee if a player is intentionally "Offside/ Goal hanging" a warning will be given to the coach and goals by that player will be disallowed. In the U5/ U6 Division all goal kicks will be taken from the **penalty area line** (18 Yard Line).
- All players must wear shin guards during practice and league games. No exceptions!
- No slide tackling under any circumstances. Restart is IFK from point of infraction for the other team.

- U12/14/HS special playing rule.  
If team has 7 players , the opposing team must play 7v7. If the team has 6 players .the game can be played 6V7.  
If you use a player from the opposing team or a guest player, it is an automatic forfeit.  
Please remember that this is a recreation league and the most important issue is that the kids play.  
We will have standings during the season and Play-offs at the end of season.
- Players can be substituted into the game under the following conditions;

Referee's Timeout

On a yellow or red card from the referee

Goal being scored

Goal Kick

Throw-in

\* Coaches must sub players by asking permission of the referee for a sub to be entered and then wait for the player coming off to exit the field before the new players enters the field. As a recreational league, we direct the referee's to be lenient on this rule so that players can be subbed quickly as to not slow down the game.

- In the U5/U6 and U8 divisions all free kicks are indirect and the opening kickoff must be touched twice by an offensive player before a goal can be scored. A goal can be scored directly from a corner kick.
- A goal may **not** be scored directly on a goalie's punt in the U5/U6 and U8 division's.
- We allow one retake of a bad throw-in only in the U5, U6 and U8 divisions.
- Every player is guaranteed 50% playing time, even if they do not show up for practice or some games. The kids don't drive the car.....
- This is not open for discussion and **MUST** be enforced unless the player is injured or does not want to play
- No metal or screw-in cleats allowed. Soccer shoes must have rubber or molded cleats. No American football cleats.
- No jewelry (including earrings) or watches allowed during games.

- The referee is the sole judge on the field of play. The referee has complete authority over the game, the players, coaches, and spectators. Their decision is final.
- Coaches, in the age divisions are to stay on their half of the field's sideline and not cross to the other half of the field. A coach may be between the half line and the penalty area box on their half of the field. **All fans need to occupy the opposite side of the field from the players. Officials need to enforce this rule.**
- One coach in the U5/U6 division can be on the field, but is not to interfere with the ball or any players. A second coach can stand off the field near the goal to give verbal guidance to the goalie. A referee at his or her discretion can ask a coach to leave the field if they are interfering in play.
- Any player who is red carded (ejected) from a game by the referee is given an automatic one (1) game suspension and possibly longer depending on the seriousness of the offenses.
- The league Director will decide on the length and severity of each suspension.
- **No penalty shots in the U5,U6, U8, divisions. A Direct Free Kick (DFK) foul in the penalty area will be an Indirect Free Kick (IFK) from the closest place outside the penalty area.**

<http://www.fifa.com/en/regulations/regulation/0,1584,3,00.html>

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