

# PBGYAA Soccer: Game Rules for Officials

## Fall Season 2018

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	3 Vs. 3
<u>HS League</u>	<u>#5 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves.	7 Vs. 7

**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	7 Vs. 7
<u>U12 League</u>	<u>#4 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	9 Vs. 9
<u>U15 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	7 Vs. 7
<u>U12 League</u>	<u>#4 Ball</u>	Games consist of two 25-minute halves	9 Vs. 9
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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 **U8** Division all goal kicks will be taken from the **penalty area line** (18 Yard Line). The opposing team must go back to the half way line for goal-kicks and when the goalkeeper has the ball.
- In the **U10** Division, The opposing team must go back to the play-out line for goal-kicks and when the goalkeeper has the ball.
- In the **U8/U10** division, we do have off-side when it is obvious to the referee. The off-side line is the play-out line.
- All players must wear shin guards during practice and league games. No exceptions!
- In all divisions the maximum any player can play in goal is half the game (50% rule)

- No slide tackling under any circumstances. Restart is IFK from point of infraction for the other team.
- New Heading rules. There is no heading in U6-U12 divisions. Any player who heads the ball will result in a IFK from the spot of the header. If the header happens within the penalty box, it will result in a IFK on the 18 yard box.
- U12/14/HS special playing rule.

U12 ..If team has 8 players , the opposing team must play 8v8. If the team has 7 players .the game can be played 7V8.

U15 .. If team has 7 players , the opposing team must play 7v7. If the team has 6 players .the game can be played 6V7

HS. .. If team has 6 players, the opposing team must play 6v6.

It is a forfeit if a team has only 6 players in U12 and 5 players in U14/U16/HS but we try to make the game happen with guest players.

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 for U12/14/HS during the season and Play-offs for U10/12/14/HS 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.

- Opening Kickoff is a direct free kick, If the ball is untouched by another player and goes directly into the goal, it is a goal. (We do not allow this in U8/U10 divisions).

- A goal may **not** be scored directly on a goalie's punt in U8 and U10.
- We allow one retake of a bad throw-in only in the 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 OR Baseball cleats with a front stud. Soccer shoes must have rubber or molded cleats.
- No jewelry (including earrings covered with tape) 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.**
- 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 U8, division. 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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