



**YOUTH SOCCER RULES & REGULATIONS
PRE-K/K DIVISION
2017**

Field of Play: River Road

Ball Size: 3

Number of Players (maximum):

1. 7 vs. 7 (6 plus a goalkeeper)
2. Coaches should play an even mix of boy & girls as much as possible.
Teams may agree to play fewer players per side (6 v. 6)

Equipment:

1. All players must wear a team jersey, provided by KCE.
2. Rubber spikes or tennis shoes must be worn in all divisions.
3. It is recommended that head coaches see that all players use shin guards, and kneepads if needed.

Timing and Substitutions:

1. Teams will play four 8-minute quarters, with a five-minute halftime. Teams get 1-minute between quarters. Quarters begin with a kickoff. The team who was not in possession of the ball when the quarter ended takes the kick off. (Teams should switch goals at halftime)
2. Teams get 1 time-out per game
3. All players must play in every quarter of the game.

Start of Play:

1. To start play there is a kick-off. This happens at the beginning of each half and after a goal has been scored. A player standing near the halfway line kicks the ball to a fellow player.
2. Opposing players must stay outside of the center circle until the ball has been kicked. After the ball is touched by the team starting with the ball and moves it forward the game is officially started.
3. The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has been touched by another player.

Ball In and Out of Play:

1. After the ball completely crosses the touchline or goal line, either on the ground or in the air, it is out of play.
2. The line itself is in bounds, and the ball is out of play (or a goal is scored) only when the entire ball is completely past the outer edge of the line. If any part of the ball is still touching any part of the line (extended from the ground up into the sky), it is still in play.

Goal Scoring:

1. A goal is scored when the whole ball completely crosses the goal line, between the goal posts (cones).
2. Official scores/standings will NOT be kept by KCE for this division.

Offside:

1. Offside shall not be called for Pre-K/K division.



Fouls and Misconduct:

1. If a player commits any of the following fouls, an INDIRECT free kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the point of infraction.
 - a. Kicking or trying to kick an opponent
 - b. Tripping an opposing player with the feet or body
 - c. Jumping on or at an opposing player
 - d. Punching or trying to punch an opposing player
 - e. Holding an opposing player with the hands or arms
 - f. Pushing an opposing player with hands or arms
 - g. Handles or hits the ball with the hands or arms
 - h. Foul language
2. A player will receive a CAUTION under the following conditions.
 2. If a player's conduct is un-sportsmanlike
 3. A player will be required to sit out the remainder of the quarter from the game for the following:
 - a. Inappropriate language, etc.
 - b. If the player receives three cautions
 - c. Violent or flagrant fouls

Free Kicks:

1. The types of free kick awarded are the:
 - a. Direct Free Kick -waived for Pre-K division
 - b. Indirect Free Kick -the ball must touch another player before a goal can be scored; if the ball goes into the goal without being touched by another player, it is just out-of bounds, and the defensive side gets a goal kick.

Throw-Ins:

1. When the ball completely crosses the touchline, a throw-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball, from the point where the ball crossed the line.
2. The ball must be thrown by both hands from behind and over the head.
3. At the moment the thrower releases the ball:
 - a. The thrower must be facing the playing field.
 - b. Both feet must be outside or on the touchline. Any part of the foot touching the line makes it legal.
 - c. Both feet must be touching the ground.
4. Players should be taught the correct way to throw-in. However, players/teams will NOT be penalized for "bad" throw-ins in the Pre-K division.

Goal Kicks:

1. A goal kick is awarded when the ball crosses the goal line but a goal is not scored, and it was last touched by an attacking player.
2. The ball can be kicked from anywhere in the goal area.
3. The ball must travel outside the penalty area into the field of play before it is in play.
4. If it is touched before it leaves the penalty area, the kick is retaken.
5. The attacking team must stay out of the penalty area until the ball is in play. Once the ball is in play, the kicker may not touch the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player.

Coaches:

1. Two coaches per team will be permitted on the field during play for Pre-K division

Injuries

1. Any injury that requires more than simple first aid call 911 and report the incident to KCE.
2. In case of any injuries that require first aid, please contact KCE at (440) 543-2552 to report the incident. You must fill out an incident report found in your coach's binder.

