

JOHNSON COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER PEE WEE LEAGUE

4 V 4 RULES OF PLAY FOR AGE 4-6

1. FIELD OF PLAY

- A. Field size will be approximately 40 yards by 30 yards.
- B. Modified goals.
- C. Markings:
 - 1. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 - 2. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
 - 3. Four corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius and corner flags.
 - 4. Goal area: None.

2. BALL

- A. Size 3

3. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Minimum number of players on the field at one time is three (3).
- B. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is four (4).
- C. Maximum number of players on the roster is not to exceed eight (8).
- D. No goalkeeper.
- E. One coach per team permitted on field of play.

4. PLAYING TIME

- A. Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total game time.

5. PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoe or soft-cleated soccer shoe.
- B. Shin-guards: MANDATORY and must be covered by a pair of socks.

6. REFEREES

- A. A Club Referee will run and officiate each game.
- B. Referee's decision during the game shall be final.

7. DURATION OF GAME

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal twelve-minute halves.
- B. There will be a five (5) minute break at half time.
- C. Change directions at the half only.

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8. START OF PLAY

- A. A player kicking the ball in a forward direction starts play from the center of the field. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player.
- B. Every player must be in his/her own half of the field and opponents shall be at least five (5) yards away from the ball until it has been kicked-off.
- C. Any infringement of kick-off rules will result in a re-play of the kick-off and an explanation to the offending player.

9. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

- A. The ball is out of play:
 - 1. When it has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air.
 - 2. When the game has been stopped for re-starts, officiating or substitution purposes.

The ball is in play at all other times from the start of the match to the finish.

10. SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Substitutions will take place at any stoppage of play.
- B. At the end of each half.
- C. For an injury.
- D. After a goal is scored.

11. METHOD OF SCORING

- A. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passed over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar.
- B. Goals/scores will not be kept.

12. OFFSIDE

- A. There will be no offside. However, coaches should watch for players that position themselves in front of the goal and teach the player to move out into the field of play.

13. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- A. The FIFA Laws of the Game shall be used to govern fouls and misconduct during the match.
- B. All Law infractions (and mis-plays that result in a replay) shall be briefly explained to the offending player as **the micro-soccer game at this age is designed to be a learning experience.**

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14. FREE KICKS

- A. All kicks (kick-offs, goal-kicks, corner-kicks) will be indirect, meaning a goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player.
- B. Opponents must be at least five (5) yards away from the ball on kicks.

15. PENALTY KICKS

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games. (NO DIRECT KICKS)

16. THROW-IN

- A. A ball wholly crossing the touchline shall be returned to play by a throw-in from the point where it crossed the line by a player of the team opposite to that of the player who last touched it. The ball may be thrown in any direction.
- B. A second throw-in will be allowed by the same player if illegal throw-in on initial attempt. The referee will explain the proper method before allowing the player the re-throw. Any subsequent illegal throw-in will award the throw-in to the opponent.
- C. Opponents must be at least five (5) yards away from the ball on throw-ins.

17. GOAL-KICK

- A. Goal kicks are taken from anywhere along the goal line (end line).
- B. Opponents must be at least five (5) yards away from the ball on kicks.

18. CORNER-KICK

- A. When the whole of the ball passes over the goal line (excluding the portion between the goal posts), whether in the air or on the ground, having last been played by one of the defending team, a member of the attacking team shall take a corner-kick. The ball shall be placed within the quarter circle at the nearest corner and kicked from that position. This is an indirect kick.
- B. Opponents must be at least five (5) yards away from the ball on kicks.

Note: The micro soccer concept is for the kids to have fun and learn the skill of handling a soccer ball and teamwork. Try not to get too carried away with the game; just let the children enjoy the soccer experience. We are not keeping records or score, so let everyone just go out and have a good time. A soccer tradition has players and coaches shaking hands after each game. This is a good gesture to reinforce the sportsmanship of the game and each team's efforts.

This format was recommended by the United States Soccer Federation to promote and encourage an appropriate developmental environment for players that is based on both age and ability characteristics.