

PINEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION

U11 YOUTH SOCCER RULES

PLAYING RULES

FIFA rulebook, not in conflict with the rules on the pages, shall govern play.

A. Matches:

1. **2 – 20-minute halves #4 ball, 8v8 plus GK, 6 to start**

If both coaches agree an additional player can be added to the field. Teams must let official know they are adding the additional player.

If a team is unable to field the minimum number of players at game time the game will be a forfeit.

There will be a one-hour time limit from the start of the game.

B. Substitutions rules: Free during stoppage of play.

C. Playing time: Each player **MUST** play a minimum of **50%** of the total playing time.

D. Any player may change places with the goalkeeper with the consent of the referee, provided the change is made during stoppage time.

E. All penalties will be indirect kicks except for penalties in the box that by rule are direct kicks and corner kicks.

F. An ejected player **MAY** be replaced.

G. There will be a one game suspension for a red carded player or coach for the first offense. The second offense will result in suspension for the remainder of the season and could be suspended indefinitely. Two yellow cards in one game equals a red card. If a yellow card is given the player must leave the field and can come in at the next dead ball. (A player or coach can be suspended on the first offense if the situation is severe enough.)

H. Equipment: Footwear must be cleats. Shin guards are **MANDATORY**. No jewelry can be worn. Goalkeepers must wear a different color than either team or referees.

I. **NO SLIDE TACKLING ALLOWED.** A yellow card could be issued for this offense.

J. Regular season tie breaker: 1. Head to head games 2. Goal differential head to head (up to 3 goals) 3. Least goals allowed head to head 4. Coin Toss

K. Overtime will not be played during regular season. The regular season game will end in a tie. In the tournament two (2) five minute overtime periods will be played with a golden goal rule. If tied after this then a shootout. Penalty Kick Shootout Rule: Each team nominates 5 players, in the game at its end, who in succession tries to score against the opponent's goalkeeper. The goalkeeper starts standing on the goal line. If the score is still tied after all five players have shot, then each team will nominate five different players, still in the game at its end, and each shot will be sudden death. If the score is still tied any player, who has not shot, can shoot. After all players have been used then any player can shoot.

L. Any unsportsmanlike behavior by a coach, parent, spectator, or player may result in expulsion from the league.

Remember everyone is here to learn, enjoy, and compete in a sportsmanlike manner.