



## Bedford Eules Soccer Association (BESA) - Modified Playing Rules



Rule / Topic	5U/6U	7U/8U	9U/10U	11U/12U	13U/14U	15U/16U	17U/19U	Adults
Substitution	Unlimited - Throw Ins (Both teams if team in possession subs). Either team on Goal Kicks; Goals Scored; Any injuries; Quarter or Half-Time; Any cautioned player before restart. 4U - 8U - Either team may sub on Throw Ins.							Any stoppage with Referee permission
Length of Game (minutes)	4 X 8 Min Qtrs.	4 X 10 Min Qtrs.	25 Min Halves	30 Min Halves	35 Min Halves	40 Min Halves	45 Min Halves	45 Min Halves
Break-Time minutes (Qtr./Half)	2 Min Qtr./5 Min Half	2 Min Qtr./5 Min Half	5 Min	5 Min	10 Min	10 Min	15 Min	15 Min
Field Size	20 yd x 30 yd	25 yd x 35 yd (7U) 30 yd x 40 yd (8U)	40 yd x 60 yd	50 yd x 70 yd	70 yd x 120 yd	70 yd x 120 yd	70 yd x 120 yd	70 yd x 120 yd
Ball Size	3	3	4	4	5	5	5	5
Keep Score	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Number of Players (Max/Min)	4 / 3	4 / 3	7 / 5	9 / 6	11 / 7	11 / 7	11 / 7	11 / 7
Goalkeeper	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goalie Punting	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Heading the ball (intentionally)	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Offside	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Throw-ins	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Free-Kick	All Indirect	All Indirect	Indirect & Direct	Indirect & Direct	Indirect & Direct	Indirect & Direct	Indirect & Direct	Indirect & Direct
Free-Kick Distance	3 Yards	3 Yards	8 Yards	10 Yards	10 Yards	10 Yards	10 Yards	10 Yards
Penalty Kick	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Corner Kick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goal Kick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slide Tackle	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Caution/Send Off - Players	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Player ID's	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Caution/Send Off - Coaches/TM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Game Report & Misconduct Form	Yes - Misconduct	Yes - Misconduct	Yes - Both	Yes - Both	Yes - Both	Yes - Both	Yes - Both	Yes - Both
Referee Pay	Mid-\$18/No AR's	Mid-\$22/No AR's	Mid-\$30/AR-\$24	Mid-\$46/AR-\$32	Mid-\$60/AR-\$40	Mid-\$64/AR-\$44	Mid-\$76/AR-\$50	Mid-\$76/AR-\$50
<b>Caution</b>		<b>Indirect Free Kicks (Technical/Non Penalty Kick)</b>				<b>Direct Free Kicks ( PK if foul occurs in Penalty Area)</b>		
1. Unsporting Behavior		1. Dangerous Play				1. *Kicks or attempts to kick		
2. Shows Dissent by Word or Action		2. Impeding progress (obstruction)				2. *Trips or attempts to trip		
3. Persistently Infringes the Laws		3. Prevents Goalkeeper from releasing ball from hands				3. *Jumps at Opponent		
4. Delays the Restart of Play		4. Goal-Keeper takes more than 6 seconds to release ball				4. *Charges		
5. Fails to respect the required distance on restarts		5. Keeper touches ball with hands after putting ball into play				5. *Pushes		
6. Enters or Re-Enters the field w/o permission		6. Goal-Keeper touches ball with hands after deliberate pass back from teammate.				6. *Strikes or attempts to strike		
7. Deliberately leaves field of play w/o permission		7. Keeper touches ball with hands after throw-in by teammate				7. Tackling (contact with player before ball)		
		8. Any other offense not mentioned in Law 12 when play is stopped to caution or dismiss.				8. Holding		
<b>Send-Off*</b>						9. Spits at another player, coach, spectator or official		
1. Serious Foul Play						10. Handles the ball deliberately (hand to ball)		
2. Violent Play								
3. Spits at an opponent or any other person		<b>Requirement of Serious Foul Play</b>				<b>*Severity of Foul</b>		
4. Denies goal opportunity by handling the ball		<i>On the Field</i>				<i>Careless-warn</i>		
5. Deny Scoring Opp. by offence punishable by free-kick		<i>Against an opponent</i>				<i>Reckless-caution</i>		
6. Uses Offensive, insulting, abusive language or gestures		<i>Playing for the ball</i>				<i>Excessive force-send off</i>		
7. Receives a 2nd caution in the same match								
* No substitution for any player sent off								

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