

## AMENDMENTS TO OFFICIAL FIFA SOCCER RULES - 2024

### Law 1 - The Field

- A1 and A2 Fields
- B1 and B2 Fields
- C Field (high school field)

### Law 2 - Ball

- Pre-K - #3
- League A - #3
- League B - #4
- League C - #5
- League D - #5

### Law 3 - Number of players

- League A - 10 vs 10
- League B - 11 vs 11
- League C - 11 vs 11
- League D - 11 vs 11

Substitutions should be made:

- from the touch line at mid-field and **with the referee's permission**.
- at quarter/half breaks, to replace an injured player, or when a player is warned.
- when the ball is out of play.

Position and playing time regulation:

- a player who is present at game must play at least two quarters or one half.
- no player may play any position for more than two quarters.
- no player shall play more than one quarter more in any game than any other player on the team, except in the case of discipline or injury.
- adherence to the above policy will be monitored. Violations can result in forfeit.

Playing short:

- If a team is "short" of players, the opposing team may choose to play with a one-player advantage, but is not required to play with less than 6 players.
- If there are less than 6 players of either team for the scheduled game, the game shall be called a forfeit. An informal game between the two teams shall be played during the allotted time (if possible).

### Law 4 - Player Equipment

- soccer shoes or gym shoes.
  - all players must wear the assigned team jersey/shirt in such a way that the color and number are clearly visible to the referee.
  - shin guards must be worn and covered by a sock.
  - jewelry is not allowed.
  - unsafe clothing, as determined by the referee, will be removed before the player may resume play.
- Hoods must be tucked into shirt and no caps are allowed (ski hats and head bands are OK).

### Law 5 - Referees

- in League A, one coach is allowed on the field.
- in League B, one coach is allowed on the field ONLY for the first game.
- NO coaches allowed on the field for League C.

## **Law 6 - Assistant Referees**

- All games will have assistant referees.

## **Law 7 - Duration of the game**

- A League - 9 minute quarters
- B League - 23 minute halves
- C League - 25 minute halves
- D League - 25 minute halves

### **Terminated Game:**

- Games may be cancelled due to inclement weather (rain, electrical storm, or darkness) by the director or by the referee during the course of play. The game shall be considered an official game if one half of the game has been completed. If not, the game will be rescheduled.

## **Law 8 - Start and restart of the game**

- A coin is tossed and the team which wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of the match or if they prefer the kick-off.

## **Law 9 - The Ball in and out of Play**

- Ball must cross the line of play completely for it to be out.

## **Law 10 - The Method of Scoring**

- Ball must cross the line completely for the goal to be counted.

## **Law 11 - Offside**

- Offsides only in C League.

## **Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct**

- Female players may protect their chests from impact of the ball by holding their arms against the chest, however, any movement of the arms toward the ball shall be considered an intentional handling.

## **Law 13 - Free Kicks**

- Indirect Kicks-Ball must be touched by two players or more before it goes into the goal.
- Direct Kicks-Ball can go in the goal with only one touch.

## **Law 14 - the Penalty Kick**

- No penalty kicks in A league. If there is a foul or hand inside the area or "box", the ball will be played at the closest of the large area with a wall.

## **Law 15 - Throw-in**

- League A will have unlimited re-throws for incorrect throw-ins.
- League B will have unlimited re-throws for incorrect throw-ins ONLY on the first game.

## **Law 16 - Goal Kick**

- Ball is in play once it's kicked and does not have to leave penalty area. Opponents must be outside of penalty area.
- **Head will ONLY be allowed to be used on D league. Indirect kick will be given if head is used in A-C leagues.**

### **Other Rules:**

- Only players that are registered and on an official roster may play in KPD games
- No players will be added to any roster as of today.

**Practices:**

- A team practice may not exceed 2 hours per week or 1 hour per day.
- Coaches will cancel their own practices due to bad weather or bad fields.

**Language:**

Derogatory conversation during a match is not allowed. Vulgar, obscene or foul language will not be tolerated. If in the opinion of the referee, a player "taunts" an opponent, that player may be cautioned or ejected depending on the severity of the situation in the opinion of the referee. Any coach taunting an opponent shall be dismissed.

**Dissent:**

All participants and spectators should keep in mind that Kewanee Park District is not only a place for soccer players to practice skills; it is also a place for referee to practice and learn. With that in mind the following rule will be in effect:

No player, coach or spectator may dissent to or otherwise verbally abuse any other player, coach, spectator or referee. Abuse includes any complaints or derogatory comments made directly or indirectly to another person. PENALTY: Violator may be cautioned or ejected depending on the severity of the situation in the opinion of the referee.

**Red and Yellow Cards:**

A player who receives a caution and is shown the Yellow Card must immediately be substituted out of the game and may not re-enter until the next legal opportunity to substitute. A player who is sent off and shown a Red Card must leave the field. This player may remain on the team bench under the supervision of the coach. A coach who is dismissed must leave the area - out of sight and sound of the field. The game will not be resumed until the coach is out of sight and sound of the field. Any player sent off, or dismissed, will, as a minimum penalty, be disqualified from the next match. The penalty will carry over to the next season.

**Coaches:**

Coaches must remain in the coach's designated area for B and C leagues. They may ONLY enter the field in case of an injury of a player.

Coaches, REMEMBER, this league is NOT the world cup, it's a recreational league. PLEASE motivate your players to do their best, make them feel comfortable! Remember, not only is their physical safety important, but also their emotional! We want these kids to come back next season, if you cannot say something positive, DO NOT say it!

