



## Soccer Rules -5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

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All rules and interpretations will be covered under the Kansas Youth Soccer with the following emphasis and exceptions listed below. The Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation Department sets the rules and reserves the right to interpret the rules in the best interest of the Bonner Springs Park and Recreation Soccer League.

**Purpose of the BSPR youth soccer league:** The goal of the BSPR Youth Sports Soccer Program focuses on fundamental skills, fun, participation, and social interaction throughout practice and organized games. The BSPR sports programs are designed to provide opportunities and participation to all, regardless of skill or ability. We wish to provide youth with a FUN learning experience and the opportunity to develop lifetime leisure skills.

1. **Roster** - each team shall consist of a maximum of 15 players.

a. 10 Players are in the field of play

i. 9 on the field, 1 goalkeeper

ii. Must have minimum of 7 to start game

iii. Opposing team must play with same amount of players

### 2. Organization

a. Leagues will be organized by the Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation Department. Age groups can be combined by Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation Department if number of teams permits. Leagues will be organized as follows:

b. Grade: Leagues will be split up into 4 divisions. PreK/K, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. All leagues will be co-ed. Kids may have the option of playing up but not play down. Approval must be given for the kid (s) to play up.

### 3. Game

a. Each game shall consist of two 30 minute halves, with a 5 minute break for half time.

b. Game ball is regulation size 5

c. Goal size is 7 x 21

d. Field size will be 80 x 50 (yards)

### 4. Kick-Off

a. A kick-off is the way to start each half of the game and to restart play after a goal is scored. Team that kicks is determined by a coin flip.

b. Kick-off requirements:

i. From the center mark

ii. Each team in its half of the field

iii. Players from the other team must be outside the center circle

iv. Ball is kicked and moves forward (into the "other half" of the field).

v. The player who takes the kick-off cannot touch the ball again until the ball has been touched by another player from either team (Indirect free kick restart if this happens).

## **5. Substitutes**

- a. Player substitutions can only be made when the ball is not in play, and are unlimited.
  - i. During half time
  - ii. When the ball is out of play, the possessing side can initiate a substitution, at which point the opposing team may also substitute.
  - iii. In the event of an injured player, a substitution may occur.
  - iv. Substitution cannot be made “on the fly” while the ball is in play.
  - v. Goalkeepers may only be substituted in the event of injury to the existing goalkeeper or at half time.
- b. Substituting coach must advise the referee of the pending substitution.
  - i. Referee must acknowledge and approve the substitution before it occurs.

## **6. Goalkeepers**

- a. Goalkeepers are only allowed to handle the ball in their own penalty area.
- b. A goalkeeper may leave his goal area at any time. However, the goalkeeper is not permitted to handle the ball while outside their team’s penalty area. If a goalkeeper handles the ball outside of his own area, the resulting play is an indirect free kick.
- c. No player may kick at a ball if the goalkeeper has the ball in their possession or is attempting to grab the ball within the goal area.

## **7. Free Kicks and Penalty Kicks**

- a. In the event of a foul, the referee should stop play and award a free kick.
- b. All Free Kicks will be indirect. In the event of a goal being scored, the ball must have touched another player of either team for it to be allowed.
- c. The defending team players must be 10 yards from the ball when the free kick is taken.
- d. For all fouls, the referee will briefly advise the player what they done to concede the foul.

## **8. Throw-Ins**

- a. If the ball goes out of bounds on the sidelines a throw in will be awarded to the opposing team.
- b. The ball must go completely over the line to be ruled out of bounds.

## **9. Corner Kicks**

- a. Corner kicks will be awarded when the ball crosses the touchline of the defending team, and the defending team was the last to touch the ball.
- b. In the event of a goal, the ball must have touched another player of either team for the goal to be awarded.
- c. If the ball enters the goal without touching another player a goal kick will be awarded.

## **10. Goal Kicks**

- a. When the ball crosses the goal line and is last touched by an offensive player, a goal kick will be awarded.
- b. Goal Kicks may be taken by any player
- c. Goal kicks can be taken from anywhere from the goal box.
- d. When a goal kick is taken, all players must be outside the penalty box area

## 11. Referees

- a. There are two head referees for all 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Soccer games.

## 12. Offside

- a. 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> will play the offside rule.
- b. An attacker is in an offside position if when a teammate has the ball, the attacker is:
  - i. Closer to the other team's goal than the ball
  - ii. Closer to the other team's goal than the second to last defender
  - iii. In the other team's end of the field

Note: It's not illegal for a player to be in an offside position!
- c. What is illegal is when an attacker who is in an offside position becomes actively involved in play by:
  - i. Interfering with play (have the ball passed to you, running towards the ball, or a combination of these).
  - ii. Interfering with an opponent (getting in the way of a player on the other team, including the goalkeeper).
  - iii. Gaining an advantage (receiving or running to a ball which has bounced off a goal post or crossbar or that has been deflected by the goalkeeper or another defender).
- d. When offside is called:
  - i. An indirect free kick from where the offside player was
- e. It is not an offside violation if a player in an offside position gets the ball directly from:
  - i. A throw-in
  - ii. A goal kick
  - iii. A corner kick

## 13. Safety

- a. Players are required to wear shin guards at all games. This is a mandatory requirement. Socks must cover shin guards completely.
- b. No jewelry will be permitted, this includes, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings, etc... Tape cannot be used to cover up jewelry.
- c. Casts on limbs are not permitted.
- d. In the event of the coach believing a player maybe seriously injured, he/she will stop the game and call over the appropriate coach, and contact the field supervisor if necessary.
- e. Footwear: No metal spikes.
- f. **Slide tackling and headers are allowed**

## 14. Sportsmanship

- a. After each game both teams must line up and shake hands with the opposing team, coaches and referees.
- b. Any coach ejected from a soccer game may not coach again until they officiate 1 soccer game in the age division they were ejected from.

**15. Uniforms**

- a. All players are required to wear Soccer uniforms
- b. Soccer socks must cover the entire length of the shin-guard
- c. Soccer shirts must be tucked into the shorts for the duration of the game, and must be the top layer of clothing.
- d. Shorts may be replaced with sweat pants in the event of cold weather
- e. Shin guards must still be worn underneath sweat pants, and the socks are still required to cover the shin guard

**16. Forfeit**

- a. Teams are encouraged to lend players to team in need.
- b. It is recommended in the event of a forfeit, that coaches for both teams get together and play an exhibition game against the players.