

# PreK/K Division Notes

## Objectives

The goal of the Pre-K/K Division is to introduce the kids, or continue a Clinic Division introduction, to the game of soccer and the skills of the game. The emphasis should be on having fun while the players learn the game.

- Based on the number of players who show up for a game, if both teams have multiple substitutes, if both coaches agree you could either consider playing 7v7, or sharing players to give additional playing time.
- All players should play all positions, but not be forced to. No one player should be a dedicated striker or pigeon-holed into playing defense every game.
- Do your best to keep bunch ball from occurring along with positioning. Formations are included in the Rules of Play. Do not send the entire team into the offensive or defensive side.
- All players should be encouraged to play, or at least be on the field with the team. This is instructional and intended to foster enjoyment of the game and development.
- It is the coaches' discretion about balls in or out of bounds. You may allow play to continue if it goes out of bounds a bit just to keep the game/momentum moving. Tell your parents.
- This is meant to be fun.
  - Please speak with the opposing coach prior to the games so you know which fields will hold the more advanced players.
  - If your team is clearly stronger, consider how you can have your players keep learning skills without decimating the other team (i.e. change players' positions, encourage your team to pass a certain number of times before shooting, offer one of your players to the other team, etc.)
- **No heading.** (not even with deflated balls or for "their protection"). For more information visit <https://www.freedomoptsoccer.com/faq#heading>.
- **No punting.**
- **No goalies.**

**And thanks to everyone for volunteering. Have a great season!**