

Coed 6-8 Division – Basic Rules of Play

- Games will be 10 v 10 with goalkeepers.
- If one team has just 9 or 10 players, both teams will play 9v9. If one team has less than 9 players, coaches should combine teams to play a scrimmage until both teams can field a side.
- The game is run with **2, 24-minute halves** with a 5-minute half time and no extra time.
- The games are refereed. No intimidation or mistreatment of referees will be tolerated, and anyone showing consistent dissent will be disciplined.
- **Coaches are not allowed on the field.** They should not come on while the clock is running except for injuries. The coaches should remain on the sidelines, on their own half, and come into the field of play only when needed to assist a player. Do not come on to 'set up positions' during the game.
- Substitutions can occur at any time, and are "on-the-fly" by running a player off the field, and then running the substituting player on to the field, both through the center of the field on the sideline. The game will not stop for substitutions while the ball is in play. If a coach would like to substitute multiple players, ask the referee to allow so when the ball is not in play, and at the discretion of the referee.
- On the field players should be mixed coed. But done so as best as can be accomplished by the coach based on the team roster and without wearing out players. The intent is playing time for all.
- An injured player does not have to leave the field unless bleeding or the game is stopped to assist.
- Offside calls are made. For a player to be called for an offside foul, all three conditions must be met. They must a) be in the opponent's half, b) be closer to the goal line than the ball and second to last opponent (the goalkeeper is usually the first) when a pass is initiated, and c) be involved in the play by playing the ball or distracting/interfering with the keeper or defender. *Please do not* have knock-down arguments over close offside calls, or allow your parents to scream and holler at the referee.
- **No slide tackles** (light warning at first, indirect kick if intentional or repeated).
- **Shin guards are mandatory.** Socks matching the uniform color are to be worn *over* shin guards.
- Size 5 soccer ball.