

PLAY USA AND WHEATLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HOUSE RULES

THE BALL

- a. Teams in the 2nd through 8th grade program will use a size 4 game ball.
- b. Kindergarten and 1st grade will use a size 3 ball.
- c. The house will provide the game ball. No practice will be allowed outside the playing area. Soccer balls can only be used on the two playing fields.
NO OUTSIDE BALLS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE FACILITY!

BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

NOTE: All restarts are Direct Free Kicks. ALL restarts may be taken immediately, except for Penalty Kicks.

- a. The ball is out of play when it completely crosses the side wall, and/or makes any contact with the net. RESULT IN FREE KICKS as follows: 1.) If the ball is directly kicked by a player, or the ball is last played off a player, into the side netting, the Direct Free Kick is taken from the White Dashed Line, located near the boards. If the ball is directly kicked by a player, or the ball is last played off a player, into the top netting the Direct Free Kick is taken from the spot directly below where the ball hit the top netting.
- b. GOAL KICK: When an attacking player kicks or deflects the ball and it hits the netting above the high boards at either end of the field. Restart: Goal Kick
- c. CORNER KICK: When a defending player kicks or deflects the ball and it hits the netting above the high boards at either end of the field. Restart: Corner kick, taken from the white dot in corners.
- d. TOP OF THE ARC KICK: If the defensive player, or goalkeeper, from inside the Penalty Box, kicks the ball out-of-bounds or into the top netting, the restart for the opposing team is taken from the top of the arc.
- e. DEFENSIVE WALL must be 15 feet from the kicking point. Players must give the 15 feet.

CONDUCT

- a. All players, coaches and spectators are expected to display sportsmanlike conduct both on and off the field. No fighting, cursing, verbal or physical abuse will be tolerated. Play USA and WAA reserve the right to dismiss any disruptive people from the facility. Anyone found guilty of willfully damaging property will be banned from the facility and legal action will follow.
- b. All players, coaches and spectators are expected to be respectful of the referees. Any concerns regarding referees should be brought to the attention of the program director or the referee coordinator. If a coach desires to question a call, they should approach the referee during half time or after the game, not while the game is in play.
- c. SLIDING OR SLIDE TACKLING OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD. ONLY THE GOALIE CAN SLIDE TACKLE WHILE IN THE BOX.

DURATION OF THE GAME

SMALL FIELD

- a. The games will consist of four (4) 11-minute quarters. There will be a one (1) minute break between the first and second quarter and the third and fourth quarters, and a two (2) minute break between halves.

LARGE FIELD

- b. The games will consist of two (2) 23-minute halves. There will be a two (2) minute break between halves.
- c. THE MANAGEMENT AND WAA RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REDUCE PLAYING TIME, IF THE TEAMS ARE NOT ON THE FIELD READY TO COMMENCE PLAY AT THE DESIGNATED START TIME.
- d. There will be no overtime.
- e. **The clocks will run at all times.**

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- a. Teams playing on the large field will consist of eight (8) players. One of the eight players will be the goalie.
- b. All players on the small field will play with 5 players on the field. One of the five players will be the goalie.
- c. If any team is short players, they should borrow from the opposing team. Only ask players from the previous game when it is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. NEVER ask someone who is not registered with WAA to fill-in on a team that is short players.
- d. Only coaches and players are allowed on team benches.

PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

- a. Street shoes will not be allowed on the playing field. Only flat-soled non-marking gym or indoor soccer shoes will be allowed. No *MULTI-STUDED ASTRO-TURF SHOES* will be allowed.
- b. All players MUST wear the reversible yellow/green WAA jersey.
- c. All players MUST wear approved shin guards covered by soccer socks.
- d. All jewelry must be removed.
- e. Dangerous equipment will not be allowed.

SCORING

- a. All goals will be worth one (1) point.
- ### **SMALL FIELD**
- b. No score will be kept for kindergarten, first or second grade.
 - c. All goals must be scored from the offensive side.
 - d. No goal may be scored on the kick-off. The ball must make one full revolution across the midfield line before a goal may be scored.

SLAUGHTER RULE

- a. If any team is leading by five (5) or more goals, the team that is behind will be allowed to add one player until the lead is less than five (5) goals. If the team that is behind does not have enough players to do this, the team that is ahead will be asked to remove one player until the lead is less than five (5) goals.
- b. In the second grade division, if one team is dominating another team, it will be at the discretion of the referee as to whether players are added or removed to make the game more evenly matched.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions may be made at any time during the game. A new player should not enter the field until the player coming off is at the perimeter wall in front of his team bench.

3 – LINE VIOLATION

- a. The 3-line violation is defined as punting the ball over all three lines without it touching the floor or another player. This will result in a free kick at the yellow line closest to the offender's goal.
- b. If the ball is thrown by the goalie, rather than punted, the 3-line violation does not apply.