



Parks & Recreation Department
Youth Outdoor Soccer
Ages 4-12

The emphasis of this soccer program for children age 4-12 years of age is to learn the fundamentals of playing the game of soccer, as well as having a good time. Scores will not be kept and all children will have the opportunity to play each of the positions on the soccer field.

The **Weather Hotline 651-204-6002**, is updated by city staff M-F during regular business hours of 8am-4:30pm. On the weekends the weather hotline is not updated.

After hours, coaches determine a rain out, with the exception of thunder and lightning, when the game is automatically canceled.

T-shirts are provided to each of the players on the teams. Shin-guards are not provided, although they are recommended for the players. The children should wear tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

- VII Hand Ball: Players cannot use their hands. If inadvertently used, let it go by. If a player uses their hands continuously, stop the game and let them know that they need to use their feet. This concept maybe very hard for the children to get used to.
- VIII Throw-Ins: A throw-in is used when the other team kicks the ball out of bounds. The throw-in is completed by throwing the ball over the child's head into the playing surface. One foot (toes) must remain on the ground to be a legal throw in. If a foul is committed on the first throw-in, a second throw-in will be allowed after the referee shows the proper method of a throw-in.
- IX Corner Kick: A corner kick is used when a child from the defending team kicks the ball past the end line. The offensive team will put the ball in play by kicking it from the corner marker into the playing surface.
- X Goal Kick: A goal kick is used when a child from the offensive team kicks the ball past the end line out of bounds. A person from the defending team will put the ball in play by kicking the ball into the playing area from the corner of the goal area. Opposing team must be three yards away from the ball during a goal kick.
- XI Start of game: Opponents must be 3 yards from the center mark while the kick-off is in progress.
- XII Kick-Off: A kick-off is completed by one child kicking the ball forward to another player on his or her team.
- XIII Fouls
Misconduct: All fouls will result in an **indirect free kick** with the opponents at least three yards away from the ball.
- The referee/coach/parent must explain **all** infractions to the offending player.
- Examples of fouls might include but not limited to; pushing, slide tackling, calling each other names, hand ball, etc. **This is intended to**

keep the play safe and fun for all of the children.

XIV Indirect Free Kick: A goal cannot be scored from an indirect kick until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. No penalty kicks are to be used during these games.

XV Off Sides: There shall be no off sides.

XIV Conclusion of Game: Opposing parent/coaches and players should line up and wave to each other at the end of the game.

* League standings will not be recorded.

* Do not record final score

*All participants will receive individual awards for the soccer league at the conclusion of last game.

Have Fun!!!