



City of Oakland Park - Parks & Leisure Services Department

## Youth Soccer Rules

All Recreational activities, utilizing the City of Oakland Park facilities, come under the direction of the Parks and Leisure Services Department. The Parks and Recreation Department assume insurance responsibility for any regularly scheduled practices or games. A Coach or an Assistant Coach must be present at all games or practices.

**Number of Players:** (Including Goalkeeper)

Pee Wee, Division I, and Division II = 8 players maximum on the field

Division III and Division IV = 11 players maximum on the field

Games can start with 5 players.

**Player's Equipment:** All Players will be issued a Parks and Leisure Services soccer uniform, which **MUST** be worn at all matches. Players are required to wear Shin Guards at all practices and matches.

**Duration of the Game:** (All players must play at least half of each game)

Pee Wee= 17 Minute Halves.

Division I and II = 20 Minute Halves.

Division III and IV = 25 Minute Halves.

No Time Outs permitted, unless called by an Official or a Player is injured.

**Two Goal Rule** – If a team is up by two goals at any time during a game. The player with 2 goals or individual players with goals must be subbed out or play defense. Player may only return to offense when the opposing team is down by a goal. Players with 2 goals must remain on defense for the rest of the game

**Start of Play:** The team that will win the Coin Toss will have the option of choice of ends or the Kick-Off.

**Ball In and Out of Play:** The ball is out of play when it has crossed the Goal Line or Touch Line, whether on the ground or in the air.

**Fouls** - Any Contact Foul, Dangerous Play, Threatening Gesture and Hand Balls will result in a Direct Free Kick. If committed within their Penalty Area, it will result in a Penalty Kick. All other Free Kicks = Indirect Free Kick

**Offsides:** Will only be called in Division II, Division III and Division IV (unless abused in lower divisions)

Offsides = Indirect Free Kick - A Offensive Player is in Offsides position, when they are behind the second to last Defender or the Ball, when their Teammate last touched the ball.

It is NOT an Offense to be in an Offsides position, however; it is an Offense if ... Offensive Player in the Opponents Half of the Field; Interferes with Play, an Opponent, or Gains an Advantage by being in an Offsides Position. The Offsides Call is made when a Player in an Offsides Position becomes, in any way, involved in play, regardless of whether they actually "played the ball" or not.

**Method of Scoring:** A Goal is scored when the entire ball has passed over the Goal Line inside the Goal Post.

A: If a team is ahead by three or more goals, with two minutes or less left in the game, then the game shall be called at that point.

B: All games tied at the end of Regulation Play, will go to a shoot out.

**Ties**

Round 1-(5) Different players take alternate (1on1) shots from the Penalty Mark.

Round 2-(3) Different players take alternate (1on1) shots from the Penalty Mark.

Round 3-(1on1) alternate shots from the Penalty Mark. If one scores and the other doesn't, the team that scored is declared the winner.

\*The team that is ahead at the end any Round, they are declared the winner.  
(add combined game total goals for final score)

**Profanity and/or abusive or behavior**, by Coaches or Players will not be tolerated. Penalty for use of profanity and/or abusive language or behavior will be:

1st Offense - Coaches = Warning / Players = Yellow Card

2nd Offense - Coaches = Ejected + Minimum 1 Game Suspension

Players = Red Card + Minimum 1 Game Suspension



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**Discipline** – If a player receives a red card, he/she is ejected from the current game and suspended for the next schedule game.

**Headshots:** Not allowed in any division.

**Slide tackle:** Not allowed in any division.

**Referees** will have complete authority over the game. Only Coaches and Players are allowed to be in the bench area(s). Any Player, Coach, or team member that is ejected, must leave the field within two (2) minutes. Any Coach that is ejected from the game, will cause his team to play short-handed for the following game. The card system will be used for Cautioning and Expulsion. The first Yellow Card will be considered a "Caution". The second Yellow Card, or first Red Card will result in an Ejection from the current match and the following match. A Player will be "Sent Off" (Ejected from) the field of play for a Serious Foul Play offense, use of abusive or foul language, and/or persists in misconduct after receiving a Caution.

**Make up games** – Make up games will be played on the first available Saturdays.

**Playoffs** – There are no playoffs for Pee Wee or Division I. All teams qualify in Division II, Division III and Division IV.

**Standings** – Standings will be put up when the league resumes play after winter break. Standings will be updated each Monday.

### Awards Night

Each participant will receive a trophy. No awards or presentation other than those presented by the City will occur the awards night, in order to avoid hurt feelings of children whose Coach/team parents are unable to afford the purchase of additional awards. Team presentations should be made at a team picnic or party.

For Additional information, please call Parks and Leisure Services Department at (954) 630-4500