



# YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE RULES

Grades 7-8 (11 v 11)

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Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department is committed to offering quality programs for children. To help insure a quality program we require all of our coaches to complete the National Youth Sports Coaches Association certification clinic. As part of this training coaches are required to uphold a coaches code of ethics. Prior to the season starting, coaches should hold a parent's meeting and cover guidelines for the season and have each parent sign the parents code of ethics. If you see a coach or parent exhibiting behavior that is not in adherence to the code of ethics please notify your coach or your league coordinator, Rick Bruya (253) 931-3043.

- All participants **must** be properly registered through the Auburn Parks, Arts, & Recreation. Rosters are limited to no more than 16 players.
- All participants must play in the grade that they are in for the current school year and can not play up or down a grade level. Any misrepresentation of grade or age will result in immediate withdrawal from the program and will require permission from Auburn Parks to continue participation in any future programs.

## PLAYING FIELD (Yellow Lines)

- A. The field of play is rectangular, its length being 120 yards long and its width 67 yards wide.
- B. A halfway line shall be marked and the center circle shall have a ten-yard radius.
- C. The goal area shall be 6 yards by 20 yards.
- D. The goal posts shall measure eight (8) feet in height and twenty-four (24) feet in width.
- E. The penalty box shall be Two (2) lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, The lines will extend into the field of play for a distance for 18 yards and joined by line parallel with the goal line that is 43 yards.

## EQUIPMENT

- A. All players are expected to wear sponsor's jersey while participating. Altering the uniform in any way is prohibited (eg. Cutting sleeves off, adding names on jerseys, etc).
- B. Tennis shoes or shoes with molded cleats are required. Street shoes and shoes with screw-in type cleat will not be allowed.
- C. Cones and balls will be provided by the Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department.
- D. A size five (5) ball will be used.
- E. **Shin guards are required, and must be completely cover by socks.**

## LENGTH OF GAME

- A. A regulation game will consist of two (2) thirty (30)-minute halves and five minutes at half time. The clock will run non-stop unless deemed necessary by the official.
- B. All games will be played unless canceled by the Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department or by the official at the field because of safety concerns.
- C. Scores and standings will not be kept.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will provide participation certificates for participants at the end of the season. The soccer balls and game shirts are also for the kids to keep.

## PLAYING RULES

Official FIFA Rules will govern all play. Exceptions and clarifications are emphasized below.

- A. The maximum number of players, per team, on the field shall be eleven players, one of whom is the goalkeeper.
- B. The goalkeeper must wear the jersey provided by the Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department.
- C. The off-side rule will apply. The referee shall take appropriate action to prevent this kind of play (an indirect free kick to the offending team and instructional statements to the violating players and coach.)
- D. Substitution shall occur at the half, or with the consent of the referee, on a throw-in or corner kick, goal kick, after a goal, after an injury. **All players must play a minimum of half the game.**
- E. Goalie may not be charged in the goal area. No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper, harass the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever. Including holding the ball on the ground with one or both hands.
- F. All players must be **twelve yards** from the ball on an indirect free kick, corner kick, and the kick-off.
- G. The entire ball must cross the touch line, either on the ground or in the air, for it to be out of play.
- H. A corner kick shall be taken when the ball crosses the goal line, excluding the area between the goal posts, and is last touched by the defending team.
- I. Coaches **are not** allowed onto the playing field during the games.
- J. Parents must remain 5 yards away from playing field and on their team's side of the field on the grass fields and must sit in bleachers on the artificial turf fields.(players/coaches only on field).
- K. Yellow and Red cards will be issued on an as needed basis. Players accumulating multiple cards may be subject to suspension or expulsion at the discretion of the league coordinator.