

2nd Grade Soccer Rules - Short Form

Number of Players: 6, one of whom is a goalkeeper. The goalkeeper should not be the responsibility of just one player, but all team members should be given the opportunity to play this position. **The goalkeeper must play at least one quarter in the field during each game.**

Substitutions: At the end of a period, after a goal, on a throw in by your team, on a corner kick by your team, on a goal kick by either team. Substitutions should enter the field at the half field mark.

Duration of Game: 4 quarters of 10 mins, 2 min break between quarters, and a 5 min halftime break.

Fouls: All Fouls result in an indirect free kick with opponents no less than 6 yards away. The referee shall explain all infractions to the offending player.

Heading: In leagues 3rd and 4th grade and under: When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a goal is scored as a result of a header, the goal is still counted, but the referee will verbally address both the player and the coach. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue. The referee will make the decision of whether or not the header was deliberate.

Throw-ins: A second throw in must be allowed if a player commits a foul on the initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to attempt a subsequent throw in.

Spectators and Coaches positioning: Parents, coaches, assistant coaches, non-participating players, and spectators will be located not less than 4 feet from the out of bounds touch line (side line) and they will be no closer than 20 yards from the goal line. No individual will be allowed to run the length of the field or enter the field of play except for participants of the game. The only exception should be that coaches and parents may enter the field of play to help an injured player when the referee stops play and signals that they may enter the field.