

HARTSELLE YOUTH SOCCER 10U DIVISION

Ball: Size four (4)

Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of (7) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A minimum number of (5) players per side for a league game is necessary to prevent a forfeit.

Player Equipment: All players must be legally equipped with shin guards covered by team socks and soccer style cleats (steal cleats not allowed). Players must remove any jewelry including earrings, necklaces, or bracelets during the match.

Game: (4) 15 minute quarters. If a match is tied after the completion of the regulated 4 quarters, then it is left to the coaches to decide to proceed to (2) 5 min. Quarters or to end the match in a tie. Both overtime quarters must be completed before a winner can be designated.

Mercy rule: is enforced when there is a 10-goal differential and ended any time after the first half when team has gained 10 goal difference.

Substitutions: Made when ball is deemed dead, and team has possession of the ball. If that team subs then so can the other team.

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

Offside: If a player passes the midfield line and a ball is passed to said player without a defensive opponent behind them that player will be deemed offside.

1. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the midfield line and the opposing goal line.

Other Rules

1. When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the

opponent, the opposing team must move behind the penalty box until the ball is put into play, (restart is an indirect free kick for the opposing team if there is an infraction).

2. Once the opposing team is behind the penalty box, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play.

3. After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the penalty box and play resumes as normal.

4. The opposing team must also move behind the penalty box during a goal kick until the ball is put into play (leaves the penalty area).

5. Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the penalty box. However, the goalkeeper can put the ball into play sooner but he or she does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resumes.

6. To support the intent of the development rule, coaches and officials should be mindful of any intentional delays being caused by opponents not retreating in a timely manner or encroaching over the penalty box prior to the ball being put into play.

7. Coaches are responsible for addressing these types of issues with their players.

8. Officials can manage the situation with misconduct if deemed appropriate.

9. Officials should be flexible when enforcing the six-second rule and

counting the time of possession should only begin when all opponents have moved behind the penalty box.

10. The opposing team must also move behind the penalty box during defensive direct or indirect kicks taken from inside the penalty area.

Free Kick: Free kicks are awarded by the officials for any foul committed during the match. The free kick will take place at the spot of the infraction.

Indirect Kick: Indirect kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his/her own penalty area, commits any of the following offences:
Touches the ball again with his/her hands after he/she has released it from possession and before it has touched another player.

Direct Kick: The direct kick is awarded when a player commits a foul (including holding that opponent or spitting at an opponent). If the offence was committed by defending team within their own penalty area, the direct kick results into a penalty kick.

Throw-in: Throw-in will take place at the spot the ball was set out of bounds by the opposing team. A legal throw-in consists of both feet down touching the ground at the time of the throw-in and the ball must come straight over the top of the players head.

Penalty Kick: Penalty kicks are awarded when a foul or infraction is made on the offensive side of the field inside the penalty box. This is a judgement call made by the official at which time the official will place the ball on the dot designated for the penalty kick. The official will start the penalty kick with a whistle blow to acknowledge to the goalie and kicker the kick may take place.

Corner Kick: Corner kick is the method of restarting play in a game when the ball goes out of play over the goal line, without a goal being scored and having last been touched by a member of the defending team. The kick is taken from the corner of the corner of the field of play nearest to where it went out.

No slide tackles to be allowed in this age group

Heading the ball will be allowed in this age group

Soccer Match Recommendations and Regulations

Opposing coaches, players and parents should shake hands after each match.

Parent/coaches, non-participating players and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the kids.

Spectator and team benches should be on opposite sides of the field