



Recreation Department

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Youth Soccer League Rules and Regulations

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Objective

It is the objective of the Chambersburg Recreation Department to promote the ideals of fun, fitness, good sportsmanship, and provide wholesome recreation opportunities while teaching the fundamental skills of soccer.

Management

The league is operated by the Chambersburg Recreation Department in cooperation with the Chambersburg Area School District and Chambersburg area private schools. All necessary personnel and equipment for the operation of the league on game days, such as director, officials, game ball, etc. will be provided by the Recreation Department. Team Uniforms, and practice equipment will be provided by each school's PTA/O.

Each PTA/O is responsible for submitting payment to the Recreation Department for each team as well as securing a coach(es). Each head coach must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years or older and pass a national background check conducted annually by the Recreation Department. Each team will supply one ADULT to act as a linesman to call out of bounds.

Criminal Reference Checks

It is Borough policy that all individuals age eighteen (18) and older working with children or youth, either in a paid or volunteer position, consent to a Criminal Reference Check. Upon registration, all coaches (head coach and any assistants) must have already completed a Criminal Background form which will be submitted for a National Reference Search. **This will be submitted annually.** If anyone does not pass the reference check, he/she will be contacted directly, and the Athletic Coordinator of that particular school will also be notified that this individual has not passed the background check and is not eligible to coach. Coaches should contact Julie Redding directly with questions concerning eligibility.

Game Cancellations

Game cancellations will be handled in the following manner: By 7:00 AM a decision will be made on all games between the hours of 8:30 AM and 12:00 PM. A decision will be made by 11:00 AM on all games starting after 12:00 PM (12:15 and later) through the end of the day. These announcements will be placed on the Chambersburg Recreation Department Hot Line (717) 263-6859, and the Recreation Department's Announcement Blog, www.borough.chambersburg.pa.us/blog2/blog6.php, and on twitter @ChambersburgRec. If an announcement hasn't posted, please assume games will be played as scheduled.



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The Recreation Department will reschedule one make-up game due to inclement weather. Coaches will be notified via email. If teams are unable to play on the rescheduled date, it is up to the coaches to reschedule at a mutually agreeable time.

Should more than one game cancellation occur due to inclement weather, coaches should attempt to communicate and reschedule the game during a practice session. Referees will not be provided for these games.

Membership / Eligibility and Organizational Structure

1. Any Kindergarten through Fifth grade student in the Chambersburg Area School District including Corpus Christi, Cumberland Valley Christian School, Shalom Christian Academy, and the Montessori Academy is eligible to enter a team in the Elementary Soccer League. If any school chooses not to participate in the league, those students are not eligible to participate with another school's team. If a school is participating, but does not acquire sufficient registration in a particular division to field an entire team, those individuals will be permitted to play with another school's team (in that particular age bracket) that is willing to "pick them up."
2. Each player, prior to participation, must complete a waiver / permission form.
3. Players must be "in good standing" academically and behaviorally with his/her teacher and principal to maintain eligibility.(monitored by the school / teacher)
4. The Recreation Department representative reserves the authority to temporarily suspend any player, coach, or spectator whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interest of the League. The Superintendent and/or the Assistant will review all suspensions to determine if any additional actions should be taken.
5. The maximum number of players on a roster for K-1 shall be 8, 14 for 2nd-3rd, and 18 for 4th-5th.
6. All players must play within their current grade level; playing up or down a level is not permitted. Some exceptions granted for students with special needs.
7. If there is an abundance of players from one school, more than one team may be entered into the League. However, a coach must be provided for each team that is entered. If not enough players arrive to play your game, you should borrow players from the opposing team - enough to allow for one substitute.

Player Requirements

8. Each player must wear a uniform T-shirt which is purchased by each school's PTA/O. Numbers are recommended but not required. Uniforms may vary according to weather conditions. Children should be encouraged to layer warmer layers under their uniform so they can be clearly identified to officials and coaches.
9. All players **MUST** wear shin guards. Shin guards are to be worn **UNDER** socks.
10. Dangling or loose jewelry is not permitted. Earrings should be taped if they must be worn.
11. Baseball spikes are not permitted.

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Playing Rules / Reminders

The official playing rules for P.I.A.A. Soccer will be used in the League with the following exceptions:

1. The **playing field size** for K-1st grades: 30 x 40 YDS
2nd-3rd grades: 40 x 70 YDS
4th-5th grades: 43 x 75 YDS

The **goal sizes** for K-1st grades: 5' x 10'
2nd-3rd grades: 6' x 12'
4th-5th grades: 6.5' x 18'

The **soccer ball size** for K-1st grades: Size 3
2nd-5th grades: Size 4

The **number of players on the field** for K-1st grades: 3
2nd-3rd grades: 7
4th-5th grades: 9

2. All teams should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of their game.
3. Length of Games:

In the **K-1st Grade level**, games will consist of four, six (6) minute quarters, **RUNNING CLOCK**, with 2 minutes between quarters. K-1 teams will also incorporate a 15-minute practice prior to each game. If games are running behind schedule, this should be shortened or eliminated to bring the games back in line with scheduled starting times.

In the **2nd – 5th grade levels**, games will consist of four ten (10) minute quarters, **RUNNING CLOCK**, with 2 minutes between quarters and a five-minute half time.

All teams will change field direction only at half time. There are no team time-outs.

In all levels, the clock stops only for injuries and players should take a knee.

4. Penalty kicks will be assessed in the 4th- 5th Grade levels only.
5. Off-sides will be assessed in the 4th-5th Grade levels only.

In the 2nd –3rd Grade level, coaches and players will be warned about posting offensive players down at their goal.

At the K – 3rd Grade levels, fouls will be taken to the nearest point outside the box and given a direct kick.

6. Games will be played on Saturdays at the Chambersburg Memorial Park. Scores and standings are not kept at the elementary level.

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7. **During each game, all players will play an equal amount of time. Exceptions will be permitted for sickness, poor grades, poor school conduct, and poor sportsmanship.**
8. Both teams are permitted to sub on a throw in, not just the team carrying possession of the ball. This does not apply to corner kick situations.
9. Throw-ins – For the first two weeks, in the 2nd – 5th grade levels, everyone will be given one warning and a second attempt. After two weeks, players will not be issued warnings.
10. Players are NOT to attack the goalie when he/she has full possession of the ball.
11. Slide tackling and sliding to kick the ball is NOT permitted.
12. One coach may be on the field during the game at the K – 3rd Grade levels. When on the field, coaches must stay out of the middle of the field and not disrupt the normal flow of the game. One coach or designated parent may stand behind their team's goal at both the K – 3rd Grade levels, but must be off the field.
13. At the end of each game a coach should return the game ball to the referee. At the K-1st Grade Level, a coach should give the ball to the next coach entering the field or put the ball in the bag attached to the goal.

Sportsmanship and Conduct

Good sportsmanship and conduct shall prevail at all times. Failure to show good sportsmanship and respect may result in suspension.

If any player is observed spitting on his / her hand and then shaking the hand of a player on the opposing team, he / she will be suspended from the next game. Should it occur a second time, the player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

Any player or coach who uses / displays inappropriate language or behavior will be removed from the game.

Coaches are to emphasize having FUN, learning the sport, sportsmanship and fair play. Coaches are not to emphasize the “win at all cost” philosophy. Please integrate the SCORE philosophy of sports in your teachings, encourage kids to have FUN, and do their best.

Trophies / Medals

If a coach wishes to provide his / her players with a post-season trophy, this will be done at the coach's discretion.