

BIDDY PLAYING RULES

LAW I: The Field

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular and measure 30 yards in length by 20 yards in width.
- B. Markings: Distinctive lines not more than 5 inches wide.
 - 1. A halfway line shall be marked across the field.
 - 2. A center circle with a three (3) yard radius.
 - 3. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
 - 4. Goal area: none
- C. The goals will measure 4 feet in height by 6 feet in length.

LAW II: The Ball

The ball will be an approved game ball size three (3).

LAW III: Number of Players:

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is five (5).
- B. Substitutions are allowed anytime the ball is out of play.
- C. Each player must play 50 percent of the total playing time.
- D. Teams and games will be co-ed.
- E. No Goal Keeper (**NEW RULE**)

LAW IV: Players Equipment

- A. Players may wear tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shin guards are **MANDATORY**.

LAW V: The Referee

GRPD will provide a Field Supervisor/Time Keeper for every game. Coaches and the Field Supervisor's jobs are to keep the playing environment FUN, SAFE, and focused on the children. (The rules about no pushing, fighting, etc... need to be kept and enforced) If there is a stop in play, a foul, or other reasons, take time to explain to the players WHY! This is their first experience with soccer and the best time to educate them on the Rules of the Game.

LAW VI: Duration of the Game

- A. The games will be four (4) - nine (8) minute quarters.
- B. There will be a one (1) minute break between quarters.
- C. There will be a 5 minute half-time after two quarters.
- D. Play time for total game will be thirty-six (36) minutes

LAW VII: The Start of Play

The time keeper or coaches will decide who kicks off first. Both teams must be at least three (3) yards off the ball and outside the circle.

LAW VIII: Ball In and Out of Play

Ball must be completely across line to be out of play.

LAW IX: Method of Scoring

Ball must completely cross goal line between goal posts and beneath crossbar to count. (**Keep in mind that there is no score kept!**)

LAW X: Off-side

There are no Off-sides in Biddy League

LAW XI: Fouls and Misconduct

Conform to FIFA with the following exception: No cautions or player ejection shall be issued to players except by an independent, neutral referee, or by Field Supervisor.

LAW XII: Free Kicks

- A. All free kicks will be indirect.
- B. Opponents must be three (3) yards away.

LAW XIII: Penalty Kicks

There are no penalty kicks in Biddy games.

LAW XIV: Throw In

Throws will be allowed but if throw is done improperly please stop action explain to child and then try again.

LAW XV: Goal Kick

If the team attempting to score a goal kicks the ball over the goal line outside the goal posts, the opposing team puts the ball into play with a goal kick. The goal kick should be taken within 2-3 yards within the goalie box or the ball can be thrown out. The opposing players must be 5-6 yards away.

LAW XVI: Corner Kick

If team defending goal last touches the ball before it crosses the goal line, the attacking team puts it in play with an indirect kick from one of the corners.

Graham Recreation and Parks Recommendations:

- Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after the game.
- Parents/coaches, non-playing players, and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the youngsters.
- Parent/coaches must abide by Graham Recreation and Parks Code of Ethics.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: (Involving parents, spectators, coaches, and players)

- A. Ejection from Game..... Minimum 1 Game Suspension
- B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct..... Minimum 3 Game Suspension
- C. Profanity..... Minimum 3 Game Suspension
- D. Trying to cause bodily harm to opposing player..... Minimum 3 Game Suspension
- E. Threatening an Official..... Suspended for Season
- F. Drinking Alcohol..... Suspended for Season
- G. Fighting Suspended for Season