

# Youth Soccer League Rules

## Eudora, De Soto, Baldwin City, & Wellsville

Modified NFHS Soccer Rules.

### FOCUS:

This is a recreational league and the emphasis should be **participation, fundamentals and fun.**

### SPORTSMANSHIP RULE:

1. 0-Tolerance for profanity, heckling, abusive language, or gestures of harm to and by officials, coaches, players or spectators. In any case, the game will be stopped and the person(s) involved will be asked to leave the premises before the game will continue
2. Yellow cards are considered a warning, while Red cards are considered an automatic ejection.
3. Participant Red Card violation  
1<sup>st</sup> Violation: Ejection from game and 1 game suspension.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: Ejection from game and rest of season
4. Coach Red Card violation  
1<sup>st</sup> Violation: Ejection from game, MUST leave premises, and 1 game suspension.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: Ejection from game, MUST leave premises, and dismissal from coaching duties for the remainder of the season.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Field Dimensions</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Goal Size</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Goalkeeper</u>
K	66 X 99'	4	4' X 6'	4 vs. 4	No
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	75 X 150'	4	6' X 12'	6 vs. 6	Yes
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	120 X 225'	4	6' X 18'	9 vs. 9	Yes
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	120 X 225'	5	6' X 18'	9 vs. 9	Yes
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	120 X 225'	5	6' X 18'	7 vs. 7	Yes

### GENERAL RULES:

1. **Be sure each player gets equal playing time.**
2. All participants MUST wear shin guards and be covered with either pants or socks with no bare plastic exposed.
3. Shoes may be tennis shoes or cleats but cleats are not allowed on the sides of the soles or the toes.
4. Stocking caps, gloves, and sweats are allowed under the uniform.
5. No jewelry is allowed on the field.
6. Only soft hair accessories may be worn.
7. All age divisions will utilize corner kicks, throw-ins, goal kicks, penalty kicks, in-direct free kicks and direct free kicks.
8. Open substitution allowed during all dead ball situations, i.e. corner kicks, throw-ins and goal kicks. No substitutions made on penalty kicks.
9. At all ages, no player may play the ball while they are lying on the ground. **Also, if goalie is touching the ball with at least one hand then no play is allowed on the ball.**
10. Off sides will be called at the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade divisions.
11. No slide tackling at all age divisions.
12. **Headers will NOT be allowed in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades.**
13. Each team will be allowed 2 time-outs per game ON DEAD BALL SITUATIONS ONLY. Each time-out is 1 minute.

## **K SPECIFIC RULES:**

1. Games will consist of 4, 5 minute quarters, 2 minutes between quarters and 5 minute half time.
2. **No referees will be used; coaches will run the game.**
3. One coach per team will be allowed on the field of play at a time. If the ball hits a coach the ball will remain live. The coaches are encouraged to keep the ball moving and the game going.
4. No throw-ins, goal kicks or corner kicks. Parents and coaches will help keep the ball in play. When it does go out of bounds a coach will toss it back in play to open space on the field in a neutral location.
5. No Goalies. 4V4 on the field.
6. Kick offs only at the beginning of each half and after each goal.
7. Open substitutions, even on the fly.

## **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> SPECIFIC RULES:**

1. Games will consist of 2, 20 minute halves with a 5 minute half time.
2. One referee will be used. Coaches are not allowed on the field while the ball is in play.
3. Bicycle kicks are not allowed.
4. Only 2 attempts will be allowed to perform a proper throw-in, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> unsuccessful attempt the ball will be turned over to the opposing team for a throw-in.
5. The 6 second goalkeeper rule will be enforced.

## **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> SPECIFIC RULES:**

1. Games will consist of 2, 25 minute halves, with a 5 minute half time.
2. Two referees will be used.
3. Bicycle kicks are not allowed.

## **5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> SPECIFIC RULES:**

1. Games will consist of 2, 30 minute halves, with a 5 minute half time.
2. Two referees will be used.

## **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> SPECIFIC RULES:**

1. Games will consist of 2, 30 minute halves, with a 5 minute half time.
2. Two referees will be used.