

Pee Wee (pre k) Soccer Rules

The idea of pee wee soccer is for the kids to have fun, learn about teamwork, and basic concepts of soccer. All parents, regardless of their knowledge of the game, are encouraged to help out in some capacity. Try to keep the game moving so that each kid has more opportunities to touch the ball during games, but coaches should feel free to coach and correct rule violations during games so the kids continue learning. If there are questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

1. Field

- The field will be approximately 40 yards x 30 yards or half of the field used for the K-2nd age group.

2. Ball

- Size 3.

3. Teams

- Need to have no fewer than 3 and no more than 4 players on the field at a time with a max of 8 players per roster.
- Each player needs to play at least 50% of the game.
- No goal keeper will be used.
- 1-2 coaches per team are allowed on the field during the game to give direction and help officiate.

4. Equipment

- Players can wear tennis shoes or rubber cleats
- Shin-guards are encouraged but not mandatory.

5. Practice and Games

- Teams will have a 25-minute practice session prior to games beginning at 6:00 with a 5-minute break prior to the game.
- Games will consist of four 5-minute quarters.
- Halftimes will be 5 minutes
- Teams will change directions at the beginning of the second half.

6. Start of Games

- All players must be on their half of the field.
- The ball must be kicked in a forward direction and not touched a second time by the player kicking the ball until a teammate or member of the opposing team touches the ball.
- The opposing team not kicking off must be at least 5 yards away from the ball.
- Any rules not followed on kick off will result in the team re-kicking and coaches are asked to explain to the players the infraction.

7. Hand Balls

- Touching the ball with the hand will not be called a violation unless done intentionally. If a player is using their hands to protect their face or body and they contact the ball, continue playing.

- If a player touches the ball intentionally, explain to the player the rule violation. The opposing team shall take over possession of the ball which will be put into play with a kick from the spot the violation occurred.
- All opponents must be 5 yards from the ball.

8. Goals and Out of Play

- For the ball to be considered out of bounds or a goal, the entire ball must cross the line on the ground or in the air. If the ball is still touching the line, it is still in play. If a goal is scored, the team that did not score will kick off from midfield.
- If the ball is out of bounds on the sidelines, the team who takes over possession shall return the ball into play with a throw-in. Throw-ins must occur with the player throwing the ball from above their head and both feet touching the ground. If the player does not do it correctly, the coach should have them attempt it again and explain to them the proper way.
- Opponents on throw-ins must be at least 5 yards from the ball.
- Goal kicks will be taken anywhere from the goal line anytime the attacking team kicks the ball beyond the goal line. Opponents must be at least 5 yards from the ball during goal kicks.
- Corner kicks will occur anytime the defending team kicks the ball beyond the goal line on their defensive half of the field. All opponents must be at least 5 yards from the ball.

9. Injuries

- If an injury occurs, stop the clock until the player has left the field and a substitute has entered.
- If there was no clear possession of the ball, the game will be continued with a drop ball between two players.