

# **BYS Game Rules**

## **Each player must wear:**

- Team uniform –Shirt, shorts, and socks.
- Shin guards (under and completely covered by socks).
- Soccer cleats – not baseball cleats that have a cleat at the front toe, no metal cleats.

Players may not wear anything that is potentially dangerous such as bracelets, rings, earrings (even if taped over), and wristwatches.

## **Guidelines**

- Games must start on time – players are to arrive at fields at least 10 minutes prior to game time
- Minis, Boys 4, Girls 3, and Boys 3 Substitutions are on an equal rotation. All players (if numbers allow) must sit out 1 quarter.
- Boys 2 and above Substitutions are on an equal rotation. No player can play 4 quarters before all other players on the team have played 3 quarters.
- A Player may be Goalkeeper a maximum of 2 quarters in games in divisions Boys 3 and 4 and Girls 3.
- Kick off – ball needs to move forward
- For throw-ins: At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower: faces the field of play, has part of each foot either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touch line, holds the ball with both hands, delivers the ball from behind and over his head, and delivers the ball from the point where it left the field of play.
- There will be no throw-ins in the Mini Division and the referee will allow a redo for improper throw-ins in Boys Divisions 4 and Girls Division 3.
- Free kick – Direct Kick allowed in B2, Premier and Super. No direct kicks to goal in Minis, Boys 4, Boys 3, and Girls Division 3.
- Direct Kick: Direct free kicks are also known as one touch kick, since only one touch is required for a goal to be awarded. This kick should always be taken at the spot where the offence took place, and the ball should always be in a stationary position when taking the kick. A player can kick the ball straight into the goal from a direct free kick.

- Indirect Kick: The rule of indirect free kick states that, a player cannot score a goal straight from the kick. It has to be touched by another player
  - Off sides will be enforced only in the Super Division
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### Sportsmanship

Parents, spectators, coaches, players and referees all have a responsibility and obligation to keep our volunteer soccer program fun for all. With this in mind, please practice the following:

- Positively reinforce the things you like and encourage your team.
- Never put down any of the players on either team.
- Our Referees - While their decisions may not always be agreeable, they are final. Shouting disagreement or derogatory remarks is not allowed.
- Deliberate fouls, abusive words or disrespect on the part of players, coaches or spectators can lead to cautions (yellow card) or dismissals (red card) of players and/or coaches. If any spectator exhibits these behaviors, the coaches and/or other spectators should remind them of this rule.
- Coaches are volunteering to do a difficult job and mistakes inevitably occur. Any abuse of the referees or the coach is unacceptable. Serious problems involving coaches or referees should be brought to the attention of the BYS Commissioner, Community Activities Coordinator or the Division Coordinator after the game.
- For the safety of all, coaches and spectators must stand at least 3 feet from the sideline. No one is allowed behind the goal on either side of the field. Coaches and referees are asked to enforce this condition.
- Water bottles should be brought to the games and coaches should make sure the players drink.
- We have the use of beautiful facilities. Please keep the fields clean and litter free. It is the responsibility of the coach to remind the players and spectators to pick-up all litter after each game.
- Enjoy the game.

Division	Grades	Ball size	# Players on the field	Warm up time	Duration of each quarters	Duration half time
Mini's	PK, KG and girls 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	3	5 vs 5	20 min	5 min	5 min
Boys 4	1 and 2	3	5 vs 5	20 min	10 min	5 min
Girls 3	2,3 and 4	4	6 vs 6	20 min	10 min	5 min
Boys 3	3 and 4	4	7 vs 7	20 min	10 min	5 min
Girls 2	5,6 and 7	4	6 vs 6	20 min	10 min	5 min
Boys 2	5 and 6	4	7 vs 7	20 min	10 min	5 min
Premier	Boys 7- 8 Girls 8-12	5	7 vs 7	20 min	15 min	5 min
Super	9-12	5	11 vs 11	20 min	15 min	5 min