



NORTHWEST KIWANIS SOCCER BANTAM I SPECIAL RULES

TEAMS

1. Each team consists of first and second graders. For purposes of games only (NOT PRACTICES), we want the coaches to divide the team into two groups so that first graders will play first graders and second graders will play second graders. Where teams are NOT evenly divided between first and second graders, coaches can move a first grader to play with the second graders or a second grader to play with the first graders, depending on the team mix of players.
2. Non-roster and guest players are not permitted to participate in games. Children enrolled in kindergarten will not be added to the roster.
3. Boys' 1st grade games will be played **5 v 5**. Boys' 2nd grade games will be played **6 v 6**. *Note: The number of players per side could be a game decision between the coaches and letting the referees know of the change.*
4. Girls' 1st grade games will be played **5 v 5**. Girls' 2nd grade games will be played **6 v 6**. *Note: The number of players per side could be a game decision between the coaches and letting the referees know of the change.*
5. Sportsmanship considering COVID, teams should line up and wave to the other team.

FIELD

The second grade BOYS field will be 52 yards X 35 yards and the second grade GIRLS field will be 50 yards X 32 yards. The first-grade field BOYS field will be 45 yards X 30 and the first grade GIRLS field will be 40 yards X 27 yards. Goals will be 16 feet wide and marked by flagsticks with orange or white flags. To be a goal, the ball must pass between the flagsticks and completely below the bottom of the flag on the goal flagsticks. Touchlines (sidelines) will be marked by cones and corners will be marked by white flagsticks with orange or blues. The ball is NOT out of bounds or considered a goal until it is completely across a line. The midfield mark is at the referee's judgment.

EQUIPMENT

1. Players may wear either soccer cleats or tennis shoes. Soccer cleats have no toe cleat. Street shoes, hard-soled shoes, baseball and softball cleats, shoes with sharp-edged cleats, or shoes with metal spikes or metal cleats are not permitted.
2. Players are not permitted to wear jewelry (especially pierced earrings), watches, hair clips or silicone wrist bands.
3. Players are not allowed to wear sunglasses while playing unless they are prescribed for the player.
4. Players must wear their jerseys. Jerseys must be worn outside all other clothing, NOT under jackets, sweatshirts or other clothing.
5. Both Girls' league and Boys' league will play with #3 soccer balls.
6. Shin guards are recommended.
7. Mouth guards are recommended for all players.
8. Players may play with a cast on an arm if cleared by a doctor and the cast is wrapped in bubble wrap or soft material. If the wrapping comes loose referees will stop play and the player substituted until the wrapping is fixed.

RULES

1. There will be four, 10-minute quarters. The clock will not stop during the quarter. Ends will be changed at the start of each half.
2. Every child will play at least 20 minutes of each game except for injury or disciplinary reasons.
3. There are NO goalies. Coaches should not post a child in the goal. (A child standing in the goal mouth is NOT learning or participating in the game.)
4. Indirect kicks will be used for penalties, corner kicks, kick-offs and out of bounds.
 - a. No goal can be scored on an indirect kick unless a player besides the kicker touches the ball.
 - b. The player who takes an indirect kick cannot kick the ball twice in a row.
 - c. All players on the opposing team should be at least 10 feet from the ball.
5. Fouls are tripping, pushing, holding, slide tackling, dangerous play (kicking the ball while on the ground with other players around, high kicking, etc.) or deliberately handling the ball. These will be called when they are flagrant, violent, or create a clear advantage for one team. A player protecting him/herself should not be called for handling the ball.
6. Fouls called against the defense within 15 feet of their goal will be a corner kick. Handling the ball to prevent the ball from going in the goal can be ruled a goal by the referee.
7. Offside will only be called if a child is clearly hanging around the opponent's goal (and there are not 2 defensive players deeper on the field than they are) and the offside player becomes involved in the play.
8. There is free substitution whenever the ball is out of play. Please let the referee know you are substituting.
9. Goal kicks are to be halfway between the goal and the corner and 3 paces onto the field.
10. If there is a double foul, the referee cannot see who kicked the ball out of bounds or an injury with no team in clear possession of the ball, the referee can call a drop ball. On a drop ball, one player from each team faces off. The referee drops the ball between them to resume play. The ball may not be struck until it hits the ground and neither player can high kick.
11. If a player is injured, that player should sit, and the referees will stop play. An injured player does not have to leave the field if he can quickly resume play. When play is stopped for an injury, all players should sit down where they are until play resumes. The team that had possession of the ball at the time of an injury gets an indirect free kick from the point the ball was at when play stopped. If in the opinion of the referees no team had possession, there will be a drop ball at the place the ball was when play was stopped.
12. The head coach is responsible for control of the parents for his/her team on the sidelines. Excessive abuse of the referees or the other team's players will lead to a warning from the referees. Continued abuse will lead to FORFEITURE of the game.
13. All rulings by the officials are final.
14. Coaches should discuss rule clarifications only at quarter breaks.

PLAYING CONDITIONS

Members of Northwest Kiwanis will evaluate field conditions as needed. If games are to be cancelled due to field conditions it will be decided no later than 11:00 AM on game day. Coaches will be notified as soon as possible to contact their teams. Please note, the www.northwestkiwanis.com website and Facebook Page: [Northwest Kiwanis Youth Soccer](#) will also have a post no later than 11:00AM on game day. Games after the start of the first game may be cancelled based on weather conditions. Coaches will be notified as soon as possible.

Lightning: If we see lightning or hear thunder there will be a 30-minute delay in games being played. All players, coaches, referees and spectators must leave the field and return to their vehicles. During the delay, if lightning is seen or thunder is heard, the 30-minute delay will continue; that is the clock resets. The field coordinator will make the final determination about when play will resume or if it should be abandoned.