



GVPSSA Boys Soccer Rules



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FIELD

- Juniors and Seniors will play on a field 40 metres wide and 60 metres long. Fields will run across one half of a full size soccer field.
- The goals will be 4 metres wide. Schools need to bring **poles** to form the goals.
- A 10 metres mark needs to be placed at each end of the field.

PLAYERS

- Juniors - Years 3&4
- Seniors - Years 5&6
- Juniors - maximum of 8 players on the field including 1 goalkeeper
- Seniors - maximum of 9 players on the field including 1 goalkeeper
- Less than 7 players on the field results in a forfeit.

TIME

- Seniors - 20 minutes per half with a 2 minute break for half time.
- Juniors - 15 minutes per half with a 2 minute break for half time.

BALL

- Both Seniors and Juniors are to use a Size 4 ball.

EQUIPMENT

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Soccer boots are optional.
- All players **MUST** wear shin pads at all times.

REFEREEING

- Both coaches should referee one half of each game.

SUBSTITUTIONS

- Unlimited substitutions may be made.
- Substitutions may only be made when there is a break in play.
 - ~ the ball goes out.
 - ~ a free kick is awarded.
 - ~ when the referee has stopped play.

CORNER KICKS

- Are to be taken from the corner posts.

GOAL KICKS

- Juniors and Seniors – there are no goal kicks. Goalkeeper will throw the ball into play.
- Juniors and Seniors – An attacking player will not be able to encroach inside the 10 metre area until a defending player has had his first touch of the ball once.
- If an attacking player encroaches prior to the defending player having his first touch then the 'goal throw' will be retaken.

OFFSIDE

- A free kick is awarded to the opposing team.
- Offsides will only apply if students are standing in a clear offside position (indirect free-kick if offside).
- If there is an attempt by students to stay onside or the offside call is close, allow the game to continue.

THROW INS

- Encourage, demonstrate and train players to keep both feet on the ground. No penalty.

HANDBALLS

- All free kicks are indirect.
- Ball must be touched by another player before scoring.
- No penalties.

KICK OFF

- The ball must be passed in a forward direction.
- Opposing team must not be inside of the opposition's half.
- Each time a goal is scored the conceding team get to kick off.

RED CARD

- A player may be removed from the field if they are:
 - ~ swearing.
 - ~ fighting.
 - ~ consistently tackling inappropriately from behind.
 - ~ rough play.