

**ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF PARKS AND RECREATION
INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
By-laws**

I. ORGANIZATION

- A. The Soccer League is sponsored by the Isle of Wight County Parks & Recreation Department which will have the authority to act in case of any emergency on any question arising as to the successful conduct of the league also not covered herein.
- B. There will be annual parents meeting in the fall and spring each year here after to discuss items of importance to the league and its participants. Any topic discussed will be taken in consideration for the program starting the next calendar year.
- C. The league will be governed by the following:
 - 1. Isle of Wight County Parks & Recreation
 - 2. Facility Soccer Supervisor hired through Parks & Recreation

II. ELGIBILITY

- A. Membership in the league shall be open to those desiring to enter into the instructional/competitive program and complying with the rules and regulations as set forth in these by-laws.
- B. To participate in the Isle of Wight County Parks & Recreation Soccer League a player must complete a registration form. The cost per player must be paid at the time of registration.
- C. Players will be assigned by age group for the league based on their age as of the final day league play begins (fall soccer September 30th, spring soccer April 30th), unless otherwise noted on the registration form to play up. There will not be any exception or changes unless it is a Parks and Recreation error.
 - 1. Ages 4 & 5
 - 2. Ages 6 & 7
 - 3. Ages 8 & 9
 - 4. Ages 10-11
 - 5. Ages 12-15

NOTE: If registration permits, other groupings may be approved by Parks & Recreation. Individual players may be assigned to teams out of their age group based on individuals skill with parental and league consent. This means only to play up in another age group if it does not break a team up. **There will be no more registration or add-ons to teams after the deadline unless made by the department.**

III. TEAM DETERMINATION

- A. Team sizes and the number of teams will be determined at the conclusion of registration by the Department of Parks & Recreation staff. **All teams will be equal in number including teams from Surry.**
- B. Players will be placed according to their age and gender to equalize teams which will be monitored by Athletic Coordinator and Soccer Supervisor.
- C. Siblings within the same category will be assigned to the same team unless noted on the registration form.
- D. Parents should have a birth certificate on hand at home if called upon to verify a child's age by the Department of Parks & Recreation.
- E. *The random selection process for teams done will be in a closed session away from coaches, parents and children. Coaches can protect only **four (4) players from prior year if the same coach is coaching. (Fall protect fall and spring protect spring with no exceptions) Failure to protect the 4 players prior to the draft will result in the player being placed into the random selection. It is the responsibility of the coach to call and check with the parents of the child they are protecting. This means if a coach was in the 7/8 age group last year and he/she is still in that group they would be able to protect (4) players from their season before. The selection of teams will be by random selection from specific age groups. All names will be placed into a box and drawn to determine selection of teams. If a team draws a **brother or sister / and or brother sister combination or any other combination, that team will skip the next pick in the next round. It is important to make sure no team end up with all the same gender with the exception of those who have been asked to be teamed up with brother or sister. Any youth that registers after the deadline will be placed on a team according to the selection order if needed. The same will apply for Surry Parks & Recreation with 2 teams or more in one age group.*****

IV. PRACTICE

All teams will be allowed one schedule practice each week.

V. GAME SCHEDULES

- A. Games will be played in accordance with the schedule setup by the Department of Parks & Recreation. There will be no postponements except in the case of extreme emergency or weather conditions. All cancellations of games will be made by the Athletic Coordinator prior to the start of the first game. After the first game kicks off, it is the responsibility of the referee to stop play for any reason during the remaining scheduled games.
- B. At the discretion of the Department of Parks & Recreation, inter-league and post-season games maybe scheduled which does not interfere with this program.

VI. LENGTH OF GAMES

- A. Ages 4 & 5 - Game will consist of 4 quarters of 5 minutes each.
- B. Ages 6 & 7 - Game will consist of 4 quarters of 12 minutes each.

- C. Ages 8 & 9 - Games will consist of 2 halves of 25 minutes each.
- D. Ages 10-11 - Games will consist of 2 halves of 30 minutes each.
- E. Ages 12-15 - Games will consist of 2 halves of 35 minutes each.
- F. There will be a two (2) minute break between each period and a five (5) minute break at half.
- G. No score will be taken during regular season, scores will only be taken during tournaments.
- H. Each player will **play at least two quarters per game except in the case of injuries, sickness, ejection and/or disciplinary action.** The Coach should have a parent keep records for his/her team for fair play.

VII. OFFICIALS

- A. There will be at least one referee scheduled per game, **except for the 8&9, 10&11 and 12-15, which there must be 3 officials per game.**
- B. The official shall have the authority to call off any game on the field that he/she deems unsafe due to extreme weather conditions. The game may be rescheduled or cancelled at the discretion of the Department of Parks & Recreation after consultation with team coaches. **Parks & Recreation only pays for Saturday officials during regular season. There will be no week day games during the school year, except during tournaments.**

SPECIAL NOTE: If one half of the games have been played it will count as a game.

- C. **No game will be repeated because of a dispute with the official's call. There is no protest in Isle of Wight County Youth Sports.**

VIII. EQUIPMENT

- A. Footwear – Soccer cleats or turf shoes are recommended. Baseball-style cleats (square molding on soles) or any type of metal spikes may not be worn at any time.
- B. Shin Guards - use of shin guards is **mandatory**, and are deemed safe by the respective coaches, and/or facility supervisor and officials.
- C. Field equipment - Equipment will be furnished for league competition only, participants must supply their own practice equipment.
- D. Uniforms - Each participant will be furnished by the league a uniform to be worn during all league play and which maybe retained by the participant at the end of the session.

IX. LEAGUE PLAY

- A. League play will be governed by the current United States Federation Association Soccer Rules as amended by these by-laws.

- D. Surry Parks & Recreation and other groups must provide the Administrative Office at Carrollton Nike Park a roster with Full Names, Ages, and Phone Numbers signed off by the Director seven (7) days prior to league play. If this is not provided your team will forfeit its game and the cost you must still pay.
- E. **All Coaches & Assistant Coaches must coach from the same side of the field as their team. (meaning Home or Visitors side)**
- F. **Teams will be on one side of the field and the parents will be on the other side. The only individuals on the team side should be the coaches and the team mom (if applicable).**

X. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- A. **Any player or coach ejected from the game by an official for un-sportsmanlike conduct is automatically suspended pending a further investigation by the Department of Parks & Recreation, and suspended for one game (red card) away from the field. Any coach that is suspended for un-sportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended for no less than three games and possibly risk having their certification taken.**
- B. All area supervisors have equal authority in handling any given situation. Supervisors have the authority to issue a warning for un-sportsmanlike conduct and/or (red card) suspension for one (1) game (away from field).

XI. PLAYER CONDUCT

- A. Physical Abuse - any player or coach guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct that involves physical or verbal abuse against another player, official, supervisor or spectator will be automatically suspended from the league play pending further investigation which could cause coaches to lose their certification. This violation will also cause the Department of Parks & Recreation to actively assist the person assaulted in the prosecution of the guilty party.
- B. “Any player that is 4 years old through 9 years of age that leaves their feet in an attempt to take the ball from another player (opponent and/or team-mate) will be charged w/dangerous play. The player shall be penalized in accordance with the National Federation Soccer Rule: Rule 12 fouls and misconduct, Section 6, Dangerous Play, Article 1”
This will result in a Penalty: Indirect Free Kick

XIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. The Isle of Wight County Parks and Recreation Youth Soccer League is an instructional, recreational program that places good sportsmanship, team work and the development of the youth soccer players above winning and losing. Unsportsmanlike behavior by coaches, players or spectators will not be tolerated. Referees and field supervisors are instructed to remove any unruly persons from the field or surrounding areas. Repeated violations may result in suspension or permanent expulsion from participation.

- B. No player is allowed to wear any kind of jewelry during games; this includes necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and beads in the hair. Applying tape or bandage over pierced ears will not be an acceptable alternative; the earrings will have to be removed before playing.
- C. No animals are permitted on the soccer fields.
- D. Isle of Wight County Parks and Recreation will follow VHSL (Virginia High School League) recommendations for canceling games due to excessive heat and humidity. In case of rain, games will still be played unless there is thunder and lightning; or after the fields have been checked by the recreation specialist and deemed unplayable.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION SOCCER RULES

Age Group: 4&5
Roster size: 8
Ball Size: # 3 Ball
Field of Play: "Length" 30 yard by "width" 25
Markings: Center Circle of 7 yards diameter
Goal box 8 yards on goal line extending 4 yards into the field corner kick marks of 1 yard radius.

Time of Match: 29 minutes total
5 minutes quarters
2 minutes break between each period
5 minutes break at the half

* Number of players on field: 4 for each team (3 minimum)

Rules of play:

1. Each team will exhibit sportsmanlike conduct.
2. All players must participate in every game when dressed unless the player is under disciplinary action and they must play at least two (2) quarters.
3. Each team will change ends at half-time.
4. All fouls will be regarded as indirect kicks. Opposing players must yield ten feet to kickers. All fouls in the goal box area will be taken at the nearest side or edge of the goal box.
5. Use of hands will be on an indirect kick only.
6. There will be no offside called.
7. The official will have control over the time of play. The official can issue yellow or red cards. *The coaches are the officials for this age group*
8. If time is available in the regular schedule, a postponed or suspended match will be played from the time of suspension if the match was less than half completed.
9. *This age group will have no score or stats. There will be no tournament, but will continue to play games during the first week of the tournament.*
10. Team uniforms will be issued and worn at all matches. Players will not be allowed to participate unless they are wearing the mandatory shinguards.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION SOCCER RULES

Age Group: 6&7
Roster Size: 11
Ball Size: # 3 Ball
Field of Play: 30x35 yards
Markings: Center Circle of 7 yards diameter
Goal box 8 yards on goal line extending 4 yards into the field.
Penalty box 32 yards on goal line extending 15 yards into the field.
Penalty spot being 10 yards from the goal line corner kick marks of 1 yard radius.

Time of Match: 57 minutes total
12 minutes quarters
2 minutes break between quarters
5 minutes break at the half

* Number of players on field: 7 for each team (5 minimum)

Rules of play:

1. Each team will exhibit sportsmanlike conduct.
2. All players must participate in every game when dressed unless the player is under disciplinary action and they must play at least two (2) quarters.
3. Each team will change ends at half-time.
4. All fouls will be called by the officials. Opposing players must yield 10 feet to kickers.
5. Substitutions will be made with the permission of the official, when the official has stopped time or when the ball is out of bounds. The team bringing the ball into play can substitute.
6. The official will have control over the time of play. The official can issue yellow or red cards. In the event of controversy, the official has the authority to suspend play.
7. If time is available in the regular schedule, a postponed or suspended match will be played from the time of suspension if the match was less than half completed.
8. Team shirts will be issued and worn at all matches. Players will not be allowed to participate unless they are wearing the mandatory shin guards.
9. There will be no offside call.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION SOCCER RULES

Age Group: 8&9
Roster Size: 12
Ball Size: # 4 Ball
Field of play: 45x60 yards
Markings: Center Circle of 9 yards diameter
Goal box 12 yards on goal line extending 6 yards into the field.
Penalty box 32 yards on goal line extending 15 yards into the field.
Penalty spot being 10 yards from the goal line corner kick marks of 1 yard radius.

Time of Match: 50 minutes total
25 minute halves
5 minutes break at the half

* Number of players on field: 8 for each team (6 minimum)

Rules of play:

1. Each team will exhibit sportsmanlike conduct.
2. All players must participate in every game when dressed unless the player is under disciplinary action and they must play at least two (2) quarters.
3. Each team will change ends at half-time.
4. All fouls will be called by the officials. Opposing players must yield ten yards to kickers.
5. Substitutions will be made with the permission of the official, when the official has stopped time or when the ball is out of bounds. The team bringing the ball into play can substitute.
6. The official will have control over the time of play. The official can issue yellow or red cards. In the event of controversy, the official has the authority to suspend play.
7. If time is available in the regular schedule, a postponed or suspended match will be played from the time of suspension if the match was less than half completed.
8. Team shirts will be issued and worn at all matches. Players will not be allowed to participate unless they are wearing the mandatory shin guards.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION SOCCER RULES

Age Group:	10-11
Roster Size:	13
Ball Size:	# 4 Ball
Field of Play:	50x90 yards
Markings:	Center Circle of 9 yards diameter Goal box 12 yards on goal line extending 6 yards into the field. Penalty box 32 yards on goal line extending 15 yards into the field. Penalty spot being 10 yards from the goal line corner kick marks of 1 yard radius.
Time of Match:	60 minutes total 30 minutes halves 5 minutes break between halves

* Number of players on field: 9 for each team (7 minimum)

Rules of play:

1. Each team will exhibit sportsmanlike conduct.
2. All players must participate in every game when dressed unless the player is under disciplinary action and they must play at least two (2) quarters.
3. Each team will change ends at half-time.
4. All fouls will be called by the officials. Opposing players must yield ten yards to kickers.
5. Substitutions will be made with the permission of the official, when the official has stopped time or when the ball is out of bounds. The team bringing the ball into play can substitute.
6. The official will have control over the time of play. The official can issue yellow or red cards. In the event of controversy, the official has the authority to suspend play.
7. If time is available in the regular schedule, a postponed or suspended match will be played from the time of suspension if the match was less than half completed.
8. Team shirts will be issued and worn at all matches. Players will not be allowed to participate unless they are wearing the mandatory shin guards.
9. Our main objective is for teams is to play nine (9) vs. nine (9) on the field, but if a team cannot play nine (9) on the field then that team may play with the minimum number for that particular age group. (See above for min. #) The other coach will be able to play one (1) player up if the other team can only field the minimum number of players.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION SOCCER RULES

Age Group: 12-15
Roster Size: 15
Ball Size: #5 ball
Field of Play: 75 x 120 yards/40x100 yards
Markings: Center Circle of 10 yards diameter
Goal box 15 yards on goal line extending 8 yards into the field.
Penalty box 32 yards on goal line extending 15 yards into the field.
Penalty spot being 10 yards from the goal line corner kick marks of 1 yard radius.

Time of Match: 70 minutes total
35 minutes halves
5 minutes break between halves

* Number of players on field: 11 for each team (9 minimum)

Rules of play:

1. Each team will exhibit sportsmanlike conduct.
2. All players must participate in every game when dressed unless the player is under disciplinary action and they must play at least two (2) quarters.
3. Each team will change ends at half-time.
4. All fouls will be called by the officials. Opposing players must yield ten yards to kickers.
5. Substitutions will be made with the permission of the official, when the official has stopped time or when the ball is out of bounds. The team bringing the ball into play can substitute.
6. The official will have control over the time of play. The official can issue yellow or red cards. In the event of controversy, the official has the authority to suspend play.
7. If time is available in the regular schedule, a postponed or suspended match will be played from the time of suspension if the match was less than half completed.
8. Team shirts will be issued and worn at all matches. Players will not be allowed to participate unless they are wearing the mandatory shin guards.
9. Our main objective is for teams is to play eleven (11) vs. eleven (11) on the field, but if a team cannot play eleven (11) on the field then that team may play with the minimum number for that particular age group. (See above for min. #) It is at the discretion of the other coach to play less than eleven (11), but he does not have to.

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Soccer Tournament Procedure

1. Games should start on time.
2. All By- laws will be observed for the Tournament.
3. In the event of a tie at the end of a match the following rules will apply in the order they appear.
 - a. (6&7 & 8&9) two-three (3) minute regular overtime periods will be played.
 - b. Regular shootout with five shots by five different players will be played. If the score is still tied after the shootout then sudden death will occur until there is a winner.
 - c. (10-11, 12-15) two-three minute regular overtime period will be played. Followed by a shootout with five shots by five different players will be played. If the score is still tied after the shootout then sudden death will occur until there is a winner.
4. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated! At the referee's decision, a team can forfeit a match.

Each coach is responsible for:

- a. His/her own behavior
- b. Their team's behavior
- c. The behavior of their team's spectators and/or parents

**ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
SOCCER RULES SUMMARY**

Note: League play will be governed by the current United States Federation Association Soccer rules except when amended below:

AGE BRACKET					
RULE	AGES 4 & 5	AGES 6 & 7	AGES 8 & 9	AGES 10 - 11	AGES 12 - 15
LENGTH OF GAMES	4 QUARTERS OF 5 MINUTES EACH	4 QUARTERS OF 12 MINUTES EACH	2 HALVES OF 25 MINUTES EACH	2 HALVES OF 30 MINUTES EACH	2 HALVES OF 35 MINUTES EACH
HALFTIME	2 MIN. BETWEEN EACH PERIOD AND A 5 MINUTE BREAK AT THE HALF	2 MIN. BETWEEN EACH PERIOD AND A 5 MINUTE BREAK AT THE HALF	5 MINUTE BREAK AT THE HALF	5 MINUTES AT THE HALF	5 MINUTES AT THE HALF
OVERTIME	N/A	N/A UNTIL TOURNAMENT THEN 2 3 MIN. OVERTIME PERIODS, REGULAR SHOOTOUT WITH FIVE SHOTS BY FIVE DIFFERENT PLAYERS	N/A UNTIL TOURNAMENT THEN 2 3 MIN. OVERTIME PERIODS, REGULAR SHOOTOUT WITH FIVE SHOTS BY FIVE DIFFERENT PLAYERS	N/A UNTIL TOURNAMENT THEN 2 3 MIN. OVERTIME PERIODS, REGULAR SHOOTOUT WITH FIVE SHOTS BY FIVE DIFFERENT PLAYERS	N/A UNTIL TOURNAMENT THEN 2 3 MIN. OVERTIME PERIODS, REGULAR SHOOTOUT WITH FIVE SHOTS BY FIVE DIFFERENT PLAYERS
GRACE PERIOD BEFORE GAME	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD	4 WITH A MINIMUM OF 3	7 WITH A MINIMUM OF 5	8 WITH A MINIMUM OF 6	9 WITH A MINIMUM OF 7	11 WITH A MINIMUM OF 9
BALL	3	3	4	4	5
EQUIPMENT	SHIN GUARDS, FULL UNIFORM (CLEATS OPTIONAL)	SHIN GUARDS, FULL UNIFORM (CLEATS OPTIONAL)	SHIN GUARDS, FULL UNIFORM (CLEATS OPTIONAL)	SHIN GUARDS, FULL UNIFORM (CLEATS OPTIONAL)	SHIN GUARDS, FULL UNIFORM (CLEATS OPTIONAL)
TEAM SIZE	8	11	12	13	15
REFEREES CALL GAMES	No Refs	YES	YES	YES	YES
OFFSIDES CALLED	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
SCORE KEPT	NO	NO EXCEPT DURING TOURNAMENT			
PARTICIPATION	AT LEAST 1/2 OF THE GAME	AT LEAST 1/2 OF THE GAME	AT LEAST 1/2 OF THE GAME	AT LEAST 1/2 OF THE GAME	AT LEAST 1/2 OF THE GAME

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* Teams with less than the number of participants, opposing team may play one player up. (Ex. Team one has 8 players, Team 2 may play with 9).