

MT. VERNON, LISBON, AND SOLON
PARKS & REC SOCCER
4TH-6TH GRADE DIVISION RULES 2017

A. THE FIELD

1. Dimensions: Maximum 80 yards long by 40 yards wide (80 yds x 40 yds...could go to 45 if space available)
2. Markings: Distinctive lines recommended
 - a. Halfway line the width of the field, marked equidistant between the goal lines
 - a. Center circle with a eight (8) yard radius in the center of the field
 - b. Corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius at each corner of the field
 - c. Goal area in front of each goal measuring six (6) yards by 15 yards (6 yds x 15 yds)
 - d. Penalty area in front of each goal measuring 14 yards by 36 yards
 - e. Penalty mark 10 yards from the goal line
 - f. Penalty arc extending in an eight (8) yard radius from the penalty mark
2. Goals: Maximum 7 feet high by 7 yards wide (7 ft x 7 yds)

B. THE BALL

Size four (4)

C. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any time: eight (8), one of whom may be a goalkeeper
2. Maximum number of players on roster not to exceed 14
3. Substitutions: Between periods and at halftime
4. Playing time: Minimum of 75% of the total playing time for each player, if possible. No one should play four periods until everyone has played three periods

D. PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes
2. Shinguards: MANDATORY for both practices and games
3. Mouthguards: Recommended, but not required
4. Jewelry, watches, etc.: Cannot be worn

E. REFEREE

1. The referee could be either a:
 - a. registered referee
 - b. trained youth referee
 - c. qualified parent
2. Referees should emphasize:
 - a. fun, fairness, safety, learning

NOTE: Referee decisions are final and should not be questioned by coaches, parents or players, unless asking for an interpretation of a rule.

F. ASSISTANT REFEREES

Parents may be used

G. DURATION OF GAME

1. Four 12-minute periods
2. Halftime break of five to ten minutes
3. Continuous clock, stops for goals and injuries

H. THE START OF PLAY

No change from regular play except that opponents must be on or outside the circle while kick-off is in progress. Kickoff can travel backwards.

I. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

No change from regular play

K. OFFSIDE

Is called at this level according to regular play

L. FOULS & MISCONDUCT

1. No change from regular play
2. Referees will work cooperatively with the coaches and eliminate the need for cautions and send-offs. Do not show yellow or red cards.
3. No headers and slide tackles

M. FREE KICKS

No change from regular play except that opponents must retreat eight (8) yards from the ball during opponents' free kicks

N. PENALTY KICKS

Are done from the penalty mark with opponents outside the penalty area and eight (8) yards from the ball before a kick is allowed

O. THROW-IN

No change from regular play

P. GOAL KICK

Opponents must be ten (10) yards away from the Penalty Area.

Q. CORNER KICK

No change from regular play, except that opponents must be eight (8) yards from the ball

R. POLICIES

1. Game scores are not recorded
2. Coaches and players from both teams exchange handshakes after each game
3. No individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game
4. Parents should encourage players, but not coach or instruct during game time.
5. Spectators, players, and coaches are not allowed behind either goal and players and spectators should stay at least three (3) yards outside the touchline.