2027 GRADES 2-3 REC SOCCER RULES

NCSAA ROSTER RULES

NCSAA's roster rules are posted at www.ncsaasports.com Schools are expected to know and follow NCSAA's roster rules and guidelines at all times. National Sports ID will lock at the Week 3 Deadline on April 7, 2027 for the final time. Any player who expires after this date will NOT be permitted to be added back to the roster. It is 100% the responsibility of the School, Athletic Director, Coach, and Player to be on top of your team's expiration dates. NCSAA will NOT be sending reminders.

NCSAA FORFEIT RULES

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DIVISIONS

- Elementary Coed Recreational (Grades K-1)
- Elementary Coed Recreational (Grades 2-3)
- Elementary Boy's Competitive (Grades 4-5)
- Elementary Girl's Competitive (Grades 4-5)
- Middle School Boys (Grades 6-8)
- Middle School Girls (Grades 6-8)

RECREATIONAL DIVISION

Our Recreational Division will not keep an official score or have standings or playoffs. These games will be designed to introduce the student-athletes to the sport of soccer without the pressure of winning or losing.

Field of Play: Approximately 60 yards x 40 yards
Goal Size: 7'x14
The Ball: Size 4
Home team provides the match ball.

Coaches and Spectator Conduct/Responsibilities

- Family members, parents, and spectators are required to observe the contest from designated areas.
- Participants, coaches, parents, and family members must conduct themselves appropriately during game play.
- Inappropriate, rude, or confrontational behavior by a coach, player or spectator may lead to disqualification from the game and possible suspension. These decisions are made at the sole discretion of the League Officials.

Number of Players:

- The maximum number of players on the field per team at any one time is eight (8).
- The game is played 8 vs 8 including a goalkeeper.
- The recommended maximum number of players on roster is sixteen (16).
- Substitutions are unlimited and allowed during any dead-ball situation and for injuries.
- Playing Time: Since recreational, we recommend a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- All players not playing in the game must be three yards behind the touch lines.
- One coach from each team will be allowed on the playing field to instruct players.
- No Forfeits. Teams may play with lesser players if necessary.

Required Equipment:

- A team jersey must be worn during the game.
- No hats, jewelry, or metal spiked cleats are allowed.
- All players are required to wear shin guards.

The Referee:

- NCSAA will provide one official for each game.

Duration of the Game:

- Each game will consist of two, twenty-minute halves.
- Halftime will be 3 minutes long.
- Referee's and site coordinators may add extra water breaks at their discretion.

The Start of Play:

- Play should be started with a kick-off at the center mark of the field.
- Encourage the opposing team to stand 3-5 yards from the ball at each re-start.
- The team listed first on the schedule will start the game with the ball.
- Teams shall rotate kick-offs at half.

Ball In and Out of Play:

- Players must throw-in the ball after any out of bounds. Coaches and referees will start to teach proper throw in techniques at this age. Illegal throw-ins will be loosely enforced for this age group.
- Any ball crossing the goal line will result in a goal kick for the defending team or a corner kick for the attacking team.

Free Kicks:
The referee, according to the infraction, will award direct and indirect free kicks.

Offside:
The offside rule is not applicable to this age group.

Slide Tackling and Heading are NEVER allowed!