

PYSL Rec Soccer Rules

FIFA “Laws of the Game” govern Rec Soccer unless modified by the PYSL Rec Soccer League

Check out: www.FIFA.com These modifications to the “Laws of the Game” are authorized.

Division	Age	Game Time	Ball	Players	Build out line	Offsides	Free Kick
Micro 2017-2018	4-6	four 10-minute periods	3	3v3 No Keeper	Restriction Line	NO	NA
2016	6-7	four 10-minute periods	3	4v4 No Keeper	Restriction Line	NO	NA
2015	7-8	Two 25-minute halves	4	6v6 with a Keeper	Build out Line	Yes Modified	8 Yards
2013-2014	8-10	Two 25-minute halves	4	7v7	Build out line	Yes	8 Yards
2012-2010	10-13	Two 30-minute halves	4	9v9	No	Yes	10 Yards

Game Ball: The home team shall provide a suitable game ball. **Game Duration:** Time is not added for any stoppages. Half-time is 5 minutes in all Divisions.

Substitutions: Require the Referee’s prior consent; are unlimited and may occur only when the ball is out of play (dead ball). Substitutes must be at the halfway line and ready to play.

Coaching: *3v3 Division:* Coaches allowed to be on the field; *4v4-9v9* Coaching allowed only by a Coach who is behind the touch line and within 10 yards of halfway. The tone of voice must be informative, and not derogatory. No coaches or parents are allowed to stand behind a goal.

Loaned/Borrowed Players: Technically this is not allowed, but if a team is short players they can, with the approval of the opposing coach, “borrow” players if they are registered to the club and of the same age group or younger.

Sideline Behavior: Teams are expected to sit on opposite sides of the field when possible. The Home team will choose their side. Coaches are responsible for their sideline and all actions thereon. Coaches are expected to coach their teams in a positive and respectful manner. The League encourages referees to discipline any coach for irresponsible behavior if the coach, player, parent, or spectator uses derogatory words or actions aimed at their players, the opposing team’s players, coach, sideline, or any of the referees.

Rule Interpretations and Clarifications The following rules have been approved by Pacific Youth Soccer League for use in Recreational Soccer Games.

Free Kick/Distance: The same for Kickoffs, Corner Kicks, Penalty Kicks.

Substitution requests: May be denied if deemed excessive or too close to the end of a half. Substitute goalkeepers should be ready to play (shirt, gloves, etc.) so as to minimize delay.

Player Ejection: (Red Card) or **Coach Caution/Ejection** (Yellow/Red Card): Referee must send a report to the referee assigner and the PYSL DOC/rec Admin. It would be an extreme situation that should first be addressed by the Coach/Referee requiring a substitution of a Player for unacceptable conduct.

Throw-in or Kick-in: Micro will use Kick-in’s to restart play. 4v4 and older will use a throw-in to restart play. For 4v4 and 6v6, a second attempt is allowed with the Referee assisting the same player to achieve the correct method.

Offside: There is no offsides in Micro and 4v4. *deliberately* placing a player in an offside position is contrary to the spirit of the game and should be actively discouraged by Coaches and Referees alike. With 6v6, there is modified offsides, where the attacking player is in an offsides position from the build out line to the opponent’s goal. Offsides is enforced in 7v7 and 9v9.

There is NO Heading in the Recreational league. The following rules will apply for 7v7 and 9v9 age groups:

- If a player intentionally heads the ball, the opposition will be awarded. an indirect free kick from the point of the infraction.
- If a player (either on offense or defense) intentionally heads the ball. within the 18-yard box, the ball will be placed in the nearest corner at the top of the 18-yard box.

Build Out Line (7v7 only): The build out line is used to promote playing the ball out of the back in an unpressured setting. When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play or from a goal kick, the opposing team should move behind the build out line. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass or throw/roll the ball to a team- mate (**no punting**). After the ball is put into play, the opposing team can cross the line and play resumes as normal.

Goal kick (9v9): Any number of players on the kicking team may be inside the Penalty Area. Opponents must remain outside until the ball is in play (whole of ball fully crosses Penalty Area line).

Restriction Line: 3v3/4v4 ball must cross the restriction line before opposing team can attack ball.

Games start at the posted start time. If there is no referee have a coach or parent volunteer manage the game.