

Chicopee Parks & Recreation Dept. 2020 Boys & Girls Soccer League Rules (Coed 1st and 2nd Grade Division)

General Rules:

- 1) All coaches and managers in all divisions are directly responsible to their Organization Representatives.
- 2) There shall be **No Smoking on the field, in the coaches' box, or on the bench. Smoking is prohibited at all youth activities and those not in accordance will be subject to leaving the premises immediately or future suspension of games. This includes ALL types of smoking devises including vapor or any type of smoking system.**
- 3) All injuries requiring medical attention should be reported to the League Director within 24 hours of injury. The Chicopee Parks & Recreation Dept., Parks Commission, League Director, Officials of the City of Chicopee, or other Towns, sponsoring organizations, coaches, managers referees, or any other City and Town employees cannot be held responsible for any injuries incurred while participating or observing activities in this league. **It is highly recommended that each team in all divisions have a First Aid Kit available for games and practices.**
- 4) The game clock will stop in accordance with 2020 High School Soccer rules on all injuries.
- 5) All games will be played in accordance with 2020 High School Rules except as indicated in separate League rules. If a tie occurs after regulation play there will be no overtime periods played.
- 6) Games will not be postponed unless rain, wet grounds, or other hazards exist that may endanger the safety of the players. For games that will be played in Chicopee and questions exist due to inclement weather conditions only the **coaches/officials can call 594-3481 and press 2 for cancellations** after 4:00 PM on weekdays, after 8:00 AM on Saturdays and Sundays. If no cancellation was issued the players and coaches must go to the designated field. Conditions can be discussed between the coaching staffs **AT THE FIELD SITE** to determine whether to play the game.

COVID-19 Guidelines:

- 1) **All coaches, spectators, and referees are required to wear masks/facial coverings** at all times and maintain a social distance of 6 feet at all times.
 - A. Participants, coaches, spectators and referees should show no signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days and have not been exposed to someone who has been ill in 14 days.
 - B. Parent/guardians should do regular temperature checks to themselves and children going to practices and games. If either has a temperature of over 100 degrees they must stay home that day or night.
 - C. **At games ONLY 1 parent per child can attend.** This is to confide to state regulations on attendance.
- 2) **Participants must wear masks/facial coverings at all times during scrimmages and games.** They must bring their own equipment and be instructed to sanitize their own equipment after every practice or game.
 - A. Participants will be required to have their own water bottle, towel and personal hygiene products (hand sanitizer, facial tissues, face coverings).
- 3) At Sarah Jane Park where games are held, spectators must sit on the side of where the spray park is and behind the 5 yard line that will be painted on the grass. Spectators cannot sit behind the goals.
- 4) Players and parents will not be allowed to congregate in parking lots, drop off zones, before a practice or game.

Rosters:

- 1) The determining effective date for all age classifications for Chicopee residents is **September 1st, 2020**, and participants must play in the grade division they are entering in the fall.

1st/2nd league: No Kindergarteners and NO 3rd graders – First graders must be going into the 1st grade fall of 2020

Games:

- 1) **ONE COACH** from each team will have full field access during game play in the 1st/2nd grade Divisions.
 - He/she will provide on field instruction and also act as an official to call any foul play.
 - At the half in all divisions, teams switch sides of play.
 - Coaches must also keep track of time for the four quarters since games are scheduled most of the time back to back.

2) **Ball Sizes:** Sizes of balls used in following divisions are listed below

1st/2nd grade Divisions will use #3 Size

3) **Players from both teams will be on same sidelines separated by the midfield line. All parents/guardians must occupy the opposite side of the field across from the spray park. They must be 6ft. apart and wear masks at all times.**

No coaching by parents or coaches behind the end lines.

There should be no fans or coaches located behind the goals.

4) All players must be dressed and on the field ready to start to play at least 5 minutes prior to game time.

5) Official starting times are listed on the League schedule. Home team will supply the game ball. If a game ball cannot be produced by the home team then the visiting can supply the game ball. Decision to be made by the coaches on which game ball is to be used.

6) **Slide tackling is NOT PERMITTED!**

7). No offside calls to be enforced in the 1st/2nd grade divisions. However instruction should be given by coaches about field positioning to prevent goal hanging.

8) Goalies have six (6) seconds to either kick or throw the ball once total control has been obtained. They also can take as many steps anywhere within the penalty area to release the ball as long as within the 6 second time span. Opposing players must retreat 10 yards to allow the goalie to release the ball or a warning will be issued to the opposing player(s) involved.

9) The 1st/2nd grade Divisions are an “Instructional League”. A schedule is established only for the purpose of control. Scores and standings will not be kept in this division. The major goal of this division is to acquaint the player with the sport of soccer, to teach players the fundamentals of the sport and to assure that each player enjoys and benefits from participation in this League.

REMINDERS: Each team MUST HAVE ONLY ONE COACH ON THE FIELD AT A TIME AND HE/SHE SERVES AS A COACH/REFEREE/TIMEKEEPER.

10) There will be **NO HEAD BALLS** IN THIS DIVISION

11) **Duration of games shall be as follows:**

1st/2nd grade Division *Boys/Girls* - (4) 10 minute quarters (Regulation Play)

* These 10 minute quarters **SHOULD NOT** exceed that time frame. There will be a 5 minute halftime, but by no means should a game last more than 50 minutes.

12) **Number of players on field:** (includes goalie) **Field size**

1st/2nd grade Divisions ***6 on 6*** **40 yds x 60 yds approx..**

13) **Make-up Games:**

There will be no makeups played this season.

14) **Lopsided Games:**

If you play an opponent in which the game or score becomes lopsided please use the following strategies: Substituting player positions-defensive players move to offense and vice versa. Removal of your better players letting kids that do not play as much get more playing time. Work on passing more instead of shooting. If all of these fail try removal of one or two players and playing shorthanded.

15) **The Uniform / Playing Conditions:**

A. Molded rubber soccer/baseball shoes are recommended. **No metal cleats are allowed.** Sneakers are allowed, however, for better traction soccer cleats are recommended. Masks/face coverings must be worn at all times.

B. Numbered jerseys of the same color must be worn by all participating players.

If two teams have the same color jersey the home team must supply and wear pinnies that are a different color.

C. Goalies jerseys must be a different color or colors as the rest of their team's, as well as the opposing team jersey colors. **If multiple goalies are utilized in the game, they must not share shirts.**

D. Game jerseys are to be tucked in at all times on the playing field. (Goalies excluded)

E. No jewelry of any kind can be worn at any time while player is participating in the game. All necklaces, earrings, bracelets, metal hair clips, etc. must be removed prior to start of game. Pierced earrings must be taken out, **NOT** taped over for safety reasons.

F. Players are requested to refrain from chewing gum or eating during play.

G. Shin guards are mandatory for League play. Players are recommended but not *mandated* to wear mouth guards.

H. Players must bring their own water bottles, and not share with others.

2020 Modified Rules:

1. Shoulder to shoulder contact is suspended, and any other intentional physical contact is to be considered a "dangerous play" which will be started with an indirect kick or other applicable foul based on the discretion of the referee/coach.

2. Throw-Ins are suspended and will be replaced by Kick-Ins.

A. The player taking the Kick-In must be facing the field of play and need not keep both feet on the ground.

B. The ball must be either on the touchline or on the ground outside the touchline.

C. The ball may not be kicked directly into the opponent's penalty area.

D. All opponents must stand at least 10 yards from the point on the touchline where the Kick-in is taken.

3. Corner Kicks will be replaced by a Corner Kick-In.

A. The ball may not be kicked directly into the opponent's penalty area.

B. Opponents must remain 10 yards from the corner arc until the ball is in play

4. Restarts: all players must comply with 6 foot distancing from both teammates and opponents.

A. Opponents must remain at 10 yards from the ball prior to the kick.

B. The use of a traditional Wall is currently suspended.

5. The use of a dropped ball as a restart is suspended. To replay this procedure, an Indirect Free kick will be awarded to the team based on the discretion of the referee/coach who will determine which team had possession when play had stopped.

16) Missed Games/No Shows

In the event a coach is unable to field a team, he or she is responsible to contact the league director at the Parks Office in advance of the game (Monday through Friday) or call the opposing coach immediately if it occurs during weekend hours.

17) CORI Cards

Even though there are no assigned referees for the games who will be checking cards, ALL coaches must still bring CORI cards to the games. They will be sporadically checked by Chicopee Parks and Recreation Staff. Those not possessing them at games will be asked nicely to go over to the other half of the field to be a spectator. If only one coach is present and he/she is checked and does not have a card, the game will end with no questions asked.

18) Harassment and Suspensions:

A. Players, coaches and spectators are prohibited from harassing or verbally abusing any players, coaches, or other spectators at any time preceding, during, or following the game. If there is harassment the Chicopee Parks Department should be made fully aware of this and suspensions will be decided upon by Dan, the League Director.

B. Any player or coach involved in a fighting incident anywhere on Park property while participating in League activities will be suspended for the remainder of that game and the next scheduled game or more if the director feels the need if actions are deemed that serious of a situation. Any 2nd offense will result in suspension from the League for the remainder of the season and possible lifetime banishment

C. The Chicopee Parks & Recreation Youth Soccer League is a recreational league. We ask coaches and parents to serve as **role models** and ensure that players develop positive attitudes and good sportsmanship.