



Soccer Rules 3v3

The Augusta Recreation Commission's soccer program focuses on fostering learning, ensuring safety, and, above all, promoting fun for all participants. Our program emphasizes skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a supportive environment. We are committed to creating a positive experience where every player can grow, enjoy the game, and create lasting memories on and off the field.

(League Standings Will NOT be Kept)

Ages 11-12

- 1) Field Size - 40yd/30yd
- 2) Goal Size – 6.5ft x 12ft
- 3) Center Circle – 5ft radius
- 4) Ball Size - 4
- 5) Games will be played in a 3v3 layout.
- 6) **Goalies:** There will NOT be goalies in this age group. No player should intentionally be guarding the goal.
- 7) **Regulation Game** – 2 halves of 20 minutes. Running clock at all times unless there is an injury on the field, or at the discretion of the referee.
- 8) There will be a 5-minute halftime.
- 9) Teams will switch directions after halftime.
- 10) There is no overtime, once the game has ended, even in the event of a tie, the game is over.
- 11) **Throw-Ins** – Throw-ins must be thrown in an overhead fashion.
- 12) **Corner Kicks** – Will be applied to this age group. (When the ball passes the goal line and was **last touched by the defending team.**)
- 13) **Goal Kick** – When the ball passes the goal line and was **last touched by the attacking team.**
- 14) Kick-offs will be used to start each half.
- 15) **Headings** – Headings are NOT allowed in this age group to help with player safety. Headings will be called at the discretion of the referees. Deliberate heading is prohibited. If a player deliberately heads the ball, play restarts with an indirect free kick. Accidental contact of the ball with the head is not an offense and play should continue UNLESS there is an injury.

- 16) **Handball** – Will be called. The result will be a **Direct Free Kick** for the opposing team.
- 17) **Offsides** – Will NOT be called in this age group.
- 18) **Substitutions** – Substitutions are allowed at any stoppage of play with referee permission. (Out of bounds, goal, injury, etc)
- 19) **Parents** – Parents will be seated on the opposite side of the team sideline area.
- 20) Every player must play in each quarter unless there is an injury, or there is a sick player. Coaches are encouraged to allow for even playing time.
- 21) **Fouls** – A foul occurs if a player commits any play/action that the referee sees as dangerous or reckless. **Fouls will result in a direct free kick.** See examples below.
 - a. Holding an opponent
 - b. Tripping an opponent
 - c. Kicking an opponent
 - d. Shoving an opponent
 - e. Slide tackling
 - f. Impeding the progress of an opponent.
 - g. Other: All fouls come at the discretion of the referees. (Physical, foul language, or taunting)
- 22) **Penalty Kicks** – There will be no penalty kicks for this division since there is no goalie.

Game Day Equipment

- 1) A game ball will be provided.
- 2) Teams may bring 2 balls for warm-up.
- 3) Teams must be dressed in matching-colored shirts and are encouraged to wear the same color shorts.
- 4) Shin Guards are required to wear, preferably underneath socks.
- 5) No earrings, necklaces, bracelets, or hard hair accessories are allowed. Earrings can be taped over.

Weather Policies

- 1) **Lightning:** Fields cleared immediately, delayed 15 minutes from the previous strike.
- 2) **Rain:** Games will be played unless field conditions are unsafe.
- 3) **Cancellations:** Announced via email at least 1 hour prior to game time.

Sportsmanship

- 1) Players: Respect referees, coaches, teammates, and opponents.
- 2) Coaches: Model respect, positivity, and fairness.
- 3) Parents: Cheer positively!
- 4) Referees: Decisions are final. Concerns must be emailed post-game.

Other Policies

- 1) Referee Staff
 - a. Referees have full authority and discretion to make decisions on factual matters related to the game, and these decisions are final. However, if you disagree with a call, please wait until halftime or the end of the game to respectfully address your concerns with the referee or staff.
 - b. If there is an injury on the field, the referee may stop play at any time.
 - c. Depending on the severity of a foul, or taunting, players may be subject to ejection from the discretion of the referee.

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