

LEBANON TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SOCCER LEAGUE RULES

*** MOST IMPORTANT ***

THIS IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE WITH NO WIN-LOSS COLUMN, ALL-STAR GAME, TROPHIES, OR PLAY-OFFS. WE SHOULD ACTIVELY SEEK TO IMPROVE THE SKILLS OF OUR PLAYER'S SO THEY CAN HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE GAME OF SOCCER. OUR ATTITUDES AS COACHES WILL SET THE TONE FOR EACH GAME AND WILL INFLUENCE THE WAY OUR CHILDREN FEEL ABOUT SPORTS.

1. Co-captains will be picked by the coaches and rotated weekly for opening ceremonies for games. These players will come to the center of the field for the coin toss to decide kick-off and choice of goal. Goal assignment will be swapped at half time.
2. Game balls are stored in the barn. Please remember to spin the combination on the lock after opening so that curious eyes do not learn things they should not!
3. All teams are responsible for policing the field after their game and disposing of any trash that may have accumulated.
4. Time periods for the games will be as follows:

Division 1 (Kindergarten & Grade 1)	8 minute quarters
Division 2 (Grades 2 and 3)	20 minute halves
Division 3 (Grades 4 and 5)	25 minute halves
Division 4 (Grades 6,7,8)	30 minute halves

Time periods between quarters will be 3 minutes.

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5. Size of playing ball for games and practices:

Division 1	Size 3
Division 2	Size 4
Division 3	Size 4
Division 4	Size 5

6. The maximum number of players on the field during the games will differ between the divisions. In the younger divisions, we will be playing on smaller fields with fewer players in order to allow for more involvement by each player.

Division 1	4 vs. 4 switch every 4 minutes
Division 2	up to 8 players
Division 3	up to 9 players
Division 4	up to 11 players

7. Games must begin on schedule. Players should be urged to assemble at the field 15-30 minutes prior to the start of their game. Games may begin with less than the maximum number of players.

8. The coaches are to make every effort to play each player an equal amount of time. Coaches should also rotate each player through each of the positions during the course of the season. Substitutions can be made during half-time, between quarters or in the event of injury or fatigue. For Division 4, substitutions can also be made after a goal, before goal kicks and before throw ins (when the substituting team is in possession of the ball). Referee must be notified and allow substitution.
9. Tie games are expected. There will not be any tie-breaker methods utilized.
10. All soccer balls and equipment will be kept in the barn for practices and games. Coaches should not keep soccer balls or cones or pinnies in their possession during the season. Please return all equipment to barn after practice and games.
11. Practice cones and pinnies are located in the barn for drills and practice. These must be returned after each practice.
12. All players must wear shin guards during practices and games. Players will not be allowed to participate without shin guards.
13. No slide tackling.
14. Referees will be provided for Divisions 2-4. Instruction should be given at the time of the call so players will learn the rules of the games (especially for Division 2). The number of coaches on the field will be limited to 2 from each team.
15. The goalkeeper is to be protected at all times. If the keeper is in possession or near possession of the ball especially on the ground, all players must back off and NOT touch the keeper.
16. If a player is ejected from a game, the team will continue to play without a substitution. The commissioner will be notified of all ejections.
17. Should there be any difficulties with the fans and/or parents with regards to the rules, decisions, calls, etc., it is the responsibility of the coach to control the fan and/or parent. The commissioner will be notified of any outstanding problem where the fan and/or parent persist in causing disruption.
18. Medical supplies will be stored in the barn at Woodglen in the event the medical supplies are used, contact the commissioner so that they can be replaced.
19. Games are scheduled for Saturday mornings. In case of inclement weather, the commissioner will make the decision to cancel games and notify the head coaches of each team. Games will be made up at the end of the season, depending on the weather.