

# MPRD Youth Soccer Game Day Rules

## Objectives

To provide competitive and recreational soccer leagues in a family environment. MPRD will play all games according to official FIFA laws with the following amendments:

## Town Soccer Facilities

Cheryll Woods-Flowers Complex (Patriots Point) – 85 Patriots Point, Mt. Pleasant

Park West Complex – 1251 Park West Boulevard, Mt. Pleasant

Carolina Park Complex – 767 Airport Rd, Mt. Pleasant

There will be a facility supervisor at each game identifiable by a NEON YELLOW t-shirt or sweatshirt. They are Rec Department employees, and as such, represent the final authority for each situation not handled by the referee.

Division	#per side	Minimum #	Length	Ball Size	Halftime	Offside
U10 Girls	7 v 7	6	4 (12 min) quarters	4	5 min	Yes
U10 Boys	7 v 7	6	4 (12 min) quarters	4	5 min	Yes
U12 Girls	6 v 6	5	4 (12 min) quarters	4	5 min	Yes
U12 Boys	9 v 9	8	4 (12 min) quarters	4	5 min	Yes
U15 Coed	9 v 9 with 2 females	8 with 1 female	4 (12 min) quarters	5	5 min	Yes

- A one-minute substitution period between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters and between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters will occur. This is not a coaching moment. Teams need to immediately swap sides so the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters can commence on time.
- Goalkeepers – Punting is not allowed in U10 and below. Punting is allowed in U12 and above. **Dropkicking is allowed in all age groups (Change from last season).**
- No Heading in U12 and below– restart with an IFK for infractions. Heading is allowed at U15 and above only.
- No Slide Tackling in any age group – restart with an IFK for infractions or DFK if player fouled opponent in the process of sliding.
- Coed 9v9 require 2 females on the field during play at all times. If they only have 8 players, they require 1 female on the field at all times.
- Games that play 2 full quarters or one full half are counted as official and will not be rescheduled due to weather or other circumstances.

### **Forfeits & Match Adjustment**

A 10-minute grace period will be given. If either team (or both) are not able to field the minimum number of players to play, they automatically forfeit. If a game starts late because of coaches and/or players, then each quarter will be shortened equally to adjust to the allotted field time usage and allow any other games to start on time.

### **Throw-Ins**

A second attempt will be allowed during regular season games in all age groups as this is a learning league. No second attempt will be allowed during tournament play.

### **Offside**

Obvious Offside will be called in all leagues/age brackets. Only obvious offside infractions will be called.

### **Team Bench Area**

Coaches/Teams must be separated by halfway line and each coach/team member must always stay on their side of the half. Spectators and parents are not allowed to be on the same side of the field as team benches (parents & spectators on one side, both teams on the other side). Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and fans.

### **Game Uniforms**

No player can wear:

- Shoes with a toe cleat
- Jewelry
- Shorts that have pockets or zippers
- Substitute jerseys