

## Rockingham County Recreation Soccer Bylaws: 2010

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1. Players on field:

Grades 1-2	Small field(s) – 7 vs 7	1 coach per team on field as refs
Grades 3-4	Medium field - 8 vs 8	Play within 1 down
Grades 5-6	Medium field – 8 vs 8	Play within 2 down
Grades 7-8	Large field – full team	Play within 2 down
Grades 9-12	Large field – full team	Play within 2 down

2. Player may play up an age group **with permission of commissioner and RCRD.**

3. Length of game: (in quarters)

Grades 1-2	10 minutes
Grades 3-4	10 minutes
Grades 5-6	12 minutes
Grades 7-8	15 minutes
Grades 9-12	18 minutes

Halves may be played with refs approval

4. Coaches are to be on the other side of field away from spectators.  
Each player must play at least half of the game.  
Players should have the opportunity to play different positions.  
Each player must play on 2 different lines per game.  
No team can play one goalie the entire game.  
If a team goes up three goals, offensive and defensive line must change.
5. Team must make minimum of three passes in offensive half of field before a shot on goal is taken once they have obtained a three goal lead.

6. **Equipment:**

All players must wear shin-guards **(No Exceptions)**  
No jewelry, this includes earrings.  
No metal or ceramic cleats.  
No hats or bandanas.

7. Non- participating players and spectators must stay at least 5 yards off the field.  
No one is allowed to stand behind the goal line area.

## REFEREES DISCRETION ON THE FOLLOWING:

8. Fouls (direct) – goal may be scored.  
Kicking, striking, tripping, hand ball, holding, pushing, charging kick off to start game.
9. Fouls (indirect) – second player must touch ball before goal.  
Dangerous play, offsides, illegal substitution, kicker or thrower playing ball before a teammate or opponent play the ball. **Grades 1-2, 3-4 NO HEAD BALLS.**
10. Penalty Kick (direct) – awarded when penalty is committed in the offending teams penalty area. All players except the goalie and kicker must remain outside the penalty area until the ball is kicked. Goalie must have both feet on the goal line and cannot move forward until the ball is kicked.
11. Goal Kick- may be made by any team member, ball is placed on the 6 –yard box (goalie area). Ball cannot be touched by either team until it has left the penalty area. Re-kick for infraction.
12. **Offsides** – Grades 1-2 there is no offsides.
13. Play- on – Frequently fouls do not stop play if team with ball maintains an advantage, referee will just signal play-on.
14. Deliberate fouls or unsportsmanlike behavior will result in yellow or red card.  
2 Yellow cards and player is ejected. 1 red card – player is ejected.
15. Injuries – play shall stop on all injuries to head, neck, chest, and stomach, all others will be at referee's discretion. Keep in mind that it is better to err on side of caution. Upon an injury, ask all field players to kneel and let coaches attend to player.
16. Throw-ins – 3-4 receive two chances to do it right. Ball behind head and both feet on ground. All others – one chance.
17. Throw –ins 1-2 receive two chances to do it right. (Kick-ins are optional)
18. No penalty kicks for Grades 1-2. Direct kick from spot of foul only.
19. Commissioners and referees have final say.
20. All coaches are to maintain a friendly and supportive atmosphere for their team and respect all referees. Encouragement is mandatory! Keep it fun for all involved. Ask your parents to cheer, not coach from sidelines. It will make it easier for kids to understand game.