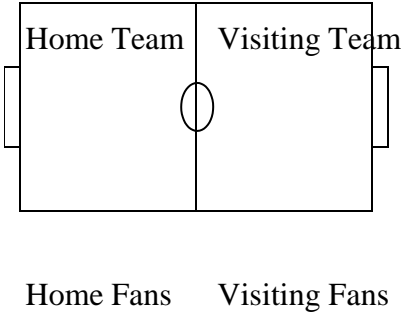


Nash County Parks & Recreation

9-10 & 9-12 Year Olds

Laws of the Game

<p>Law 1 - The Field of Play</p>  <p>The diagram shows a rectangular field divided vertically by a central circle. The left side is labeled 'Home Team' and the right side is labeled 'Visiting Team'. Below the field, the left side is labeled 'Home Fans' and the right side is labeled 'Visiting Fans'. Small rectangular boxes are drawn on the outer edges of the field, representing coaching areas.</p>	<p>60 yards X 40 yards Field 6 ft. X 18 ft. Goal</p> <p>Teams shall sit on one side of the pitch, while all fans shall sit on the opposite side Each Team Will Need to Take Up One Half of Their Side Between the Halfway Line and the Outer Edge of the Penalty Area. Substitution Area is 1 Yard to Each Side of the Halfway Line (6 ft. Total.) Only players waiting to sub should be in the Sub Area. If Sub Area is not marked, coaches should mark this area with cones Coaches Must Remain Inside Coaching Area and Behind the Touchlines at all Times During the Game, Unless Summoned Onto the Field by the Referee No Coaches, Players or Fans are Allowed Behind the Goal Lines Only players, head & assistant coaches are allowed on the team side of the field unless it is a parent/guardian of an injured child after the injury occurs</p>
<p>Law 2 - The Ball</p>	<p>Size 4</p>
<p>Law 3 - Number of Players</p>	<p>6 (Includes Goal Keeper) – 5 Minimum. All players present must play at least 20 minutes per game.</p> <p>Substitutions Can be Made Prior to Throw-In (in your favor), Goal-Kicks, After Goal has Been Scored, Between Quarters, When Referee has Stopped Play for Injury or After a Player has Been Cautioned.</p>

	<p>The Referee Must be Informed Before Proposed Substitution is Made.</p> <p>The Substitute Player Must Enter the Game From the Half- way Line</p> <p>Mercy Rule: A team that is ahead by 5 goals or more and has players that have score 3 or more of those goals, will be required to either a) move all applicable players to “defensive or goalkeeper” positions or b) take applicable players off the field. If this lead drops to a three-goal differential (example 5 goals v 2 goals), then the team may return affected players to original positions if desired.</p>
Law 4 - Player’s Equipment	<p>Shin guards Cleats (With no Toe Cleat) Stockings Jersey Shorts or Athletic Pants</p>
Law 5 - Referee	<p>1 Referee Referee has Ultimate Authority Over the Pitch and Both Benches. Arguing With Referee Will Not be Tolerated Coaches are Responsible for Their Sideline, so if a Parent is Asked to Leave a Game, the Coach may be Asked to Accompany Them</p>
Law 6 - Assistant Referee	<p>1 Assistant Referee – If Available</p>
Law 7 - Duration of Match	<p>2 - 30 Minute Halves No Overtime in Regular Season Games All players present must play at least 20 minutes per game.</p>
Law 8 - Starts and Restarts	<p>Kick-Off at Start of Match and Second Half Ball is in Play When it is Kicked and Rotates. Kicker Cannot Touch the Ball a Second Time Until it has Touched Another Player Drop Ball When Deemed Appropriate by Referee (after injury or other stoppage of play)</p>
Law 9 - Ball In and Out of Play	<p>The Ball is Out of Play When the Ball has Completely Crossed Over the Entire Line</p>
Law 10 - Method of Scoring	<p>A Goal is Scored When the Ball has Completely Crossed Over the Goal-Line, Between the Goal-Post and Under the Cross-Bar</p>

Law 11 - Offside	A Player is Offsides When He is Nearer to His Opponents' Goal-Line Than Both the Ball and the Second Last Opponent
Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct	<p>Slide Tackles are NOT Allowed- after the first instance, the player will be verbally warned. If there is a second instance, the player will have to leave the field for at least 5 minutes. Headers are NOT Allowed. Indirect Kick will be Awarded to Opposing Team.</p> <p>A Direct Free-Kick Will be Awarded Resulting From the Kicking of an Opponent, Tripping, Jumps at an Opponent, Charges an Opponent, Strikes or Attempts to Strike an Opponent, Pushing, Spitting, Holding or a Hand Ball</p> <p>An Indirect Free-Kick Will be Awarded Resulting From a Dangerous Play, Charging, Obstruction or Charging the Goal Keeper, Delay of Game or the Goal Keeper Touching the Ball With Hands After it has Been Kicked to Them by a Teammate.</p> <p>All Indirect Kicks, Ball Must be Stationary When the Kick is Taken in a manner that moves the ball so it moves and rotates at least half of the circumference of the ball and then Must Touch Another Player Before Entering the Goal</p> <p>Players Receiving a Yellow Card Must Leave the Field of Play for At Least 2 Minutes</p> <p>Players or Coaches Receiving a Red Card Shall be Dismissed for the Remainder of the Game and Must Sit Out Their Next Scheduled Game</p> <p>At the Referee's discretion, a foul or handball may be ignored, based upon intent and whether or not advantage is gained.</p>
Law 13 - Free-Kicks	<p>For Both Direct and Indirect Kicks, Ball Must be Stationary When the Kick is Taken and the Kicker May not Touch the Ball a Second Time Until it Touches Another Player</p> <p>Opposing Players Must be 10 Yards From the Ball</p> <p>Referee Signals Indirect Free-kick by Raising Arm Above Head</p> <p>All Indirect Kicks, Ball Must be Stationary When the Kick is Taken in a manner that moves the ball so it moves and rotates at least half of the circumference of the ball and then Must Touch Another Player Before Entering the Goal</p>
Law 14 - Penalty Kick	The Ball is Placed on Penalty Mark. The Goal Keeper Must Remain on Goal-line Until Kicked. All Other Players Outside Penalty Area and Behind Penalty Mark
Law 15 - Throw-In	One Attempt

Law 16 - Goal-Kick	<p>Taken From Outer Edge of Goal Area by Defending Team When the Attacking Team has kicked the Ball Over the Goal-Line Opponents must be outside the penalty area until ball is played.</p>
Law 17 - Corner-Kick	<p>Taken From the Corner Arc by the Attacking Team When the Defending Team has Kicked the Ball Over it's own Goal-Line Opponents Must be 10 Yards From the Ball</p>

Tournament Only Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is over time, there will be two 5-minute halves. If the score is still tied, Overtime in the post season will consist of two 5 minute halves. If the score is still tied at the end of the overtime period, the game will go into a shootout. A shootout is a penalty kick competition. Both teams select five players to take the penalty kicks and then the teams alternate until one team wins. A team wins a shootout by scoring more goals than its opponent. • In the event of a shoot out, whichever players are on the field at the end of the second 5 minutes overtime may participate in the first round of the shoot out. If additional shots are required, players may come from the bench.
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