

# Soccer Rules of play for South West Illinois Soccer league

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The Illinois High School Association soccer rules govern the SWISoccer games with the exception of the rules agreed to by the SWIS board and its members as outlined below.

## Section 1: The Game

- A. Ball - K-2<sup>nd</sup> gr size 3 ball, 3-6<sup>th</sup> gr size 4 ball, 7-8<sup>th</sup> gr size 5 ball
  - B. Field size – K-2<sup>nd</sup> gr 30x50 yds (recommended)  
                   3-6<sup>th</sup> gr 50x75 yds (try your best to meet dimensions)  
                   7-8<sup>th</sup> gr 60x100 yds min & 80x120 yds max
  - C. Goals – K-2 gr 4x6ft  
                   3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> gr 6X18ft  
                   7-8<sup>th</sup> gr 8x24ft (standard goal) max or 7x21ft min
  - D. Number of players – K-2 gr 6v6 and 3-6gr 8v8. A team must field a minimum 6 players or the game is forfeited. For 7-8<sup>th</sup> gr, the game shall be played as 11vs11. A team must field at least a minimum of 8 players or the game is forfeited. A Coed team is defined as 4 more girls playing on a team. A team consisting of 3 or less girls will play in the boys division. Any town hosting a tournament can set their own rules regarding how many girls have to be playing on the field during a coed game.
  - E. Length of game – K-4th gr will be played in 4 quarters of 12 minutes each with a two minute break between each quarters and a five minute break between half. 5-6<sup>th</sup> gr will be played in two 30 minute halves with a 5 minute break at the half time. 7-8<sup>th</sup> gr will be played in two 35 minute halves with a 5 minute break at half time. NOTE: Under conditions of extreme heat, coaches and referees may convert halves to quarters.
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## Section 2: Game Time

- A. Game shall start at scheduled time. Up to a 15 minute delay is allowable if players, coaches or referees are arriving late.
- B. A game may be cancelled prior to the scheduled game time due to bad weather or field conditions. It is the responsibility of the home coordinator to inform all parties involved of the cancellation at least 1 ½ hours in advance of the scheduled game time or as soon as reasonably possible.
- C. A game may be cancelled due to bad weather at game time or at any time during the game. This decision will be made by the coaches and referees. If half or more of the game has been played, the score at that time will stand as the final score. If less than ½ the game has been played, the game will resume from that point with the same score, at a later date.

## Section 3: Rescheduling

- A. Home team coach is responsible for contacting the away team within two weeks to attempt to reschedule the game. Note: Game doesn't have to be played within two weeks, rather contact needs to be made to at least attempt to reschedule. The away team coach can contact home team's town coordinator if home coach is not responding.

## Section 4: Location of players, coaches & fans

- A. Players and coaches will be located on opposite sides of the field side lines from the fans.
- B. No persons involved or not involved with the game shall be present behind the end lines or goals during the game.
- C. Teams shall be separated on one side of the field by the half line and maintain a distance of no less than 10 feet from the sideline and 20 feet from the half.
- D. Fans are asked to be no less than 10 feet from the sideline.
- E. For games involving K-2nd gr, two coaches may be on the field to assist their players.
- F. For games involving 3-8<sup>th</sup> gr, two coaches may be present on the sideline but must remain in their half.

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## Section 5: Uniforms

- A. All players at all times of the game must wear shin guards under socks.
- B. Soccer cleats or tennis shoes are permitted. NO baseball cleats or metal spiked shoes.
- C. Players of the same team must wear the same color jerseys.
- D. In the unlikely event that both teams will be wearing the same color jerseys, the home team must make arrangements ahead of time to wear a different color.
- E. Goalies must wear a color that does not represent either team's color on the field.

## Section 6: Player conduct

- A. Absolutely NO slide tackling!
- B. Yellow carded players must be substituted off and may return at the next substitution opportunity.
- C. Red carded players will be substituted and will not return to the game. If player is red carded more than once, they are no longer able to play in the rest of the current year's SWIS soccer league games. When a red card is issued, the coach notifies the town coordinator and the town coordinator contacts the SWIS board.
- D. No obscenities, slurs, threats or taunting will be tolerated from players, coaches or fans. Anyone involved in this behavior will be removed from the game and may be asked to leave the venue. It's the responsibility of the town coordinator to notify the SWIS board of any person removed from a game.
- E. Fans need to let kids play and let coaches coach.
- F. Coaches, fans and players need to let referees ref.
- G. Alcohol is NOT allowed at any SWIS game.
- H. All of these rules will be enforced for all age groups.

## Section 7: Rosters

- A. There is no limit on the size of rosters but it is recommended that 8vs8 team carry no more than 14 players and 11vs11 team carry no more than 18 players.
- B. Girls may be rostered on boys teams but boys may not be rostered on girls teams.
- C. Players may play for a team in an older age group but not in a younger age group than their own.
- D. Players may be rostered on more than one team but not for different communities or separate teams playing in the same division (ie, coed, girls, boys). For instance, a girl can play on a girls only team and a coed team which are in two different divisions.

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## Section 8: Referees

- A. For 3-8<sup>th</sup> gr games, there will be two referees that must be at least high school age. For K-2<sup>nd</sup> gr games, it is recommended there will be one referee that must be at least 7<sup>th</sup> grade level. Referees for K-2<sup>nd</sup> gr are not required.
- B. If a coach has to referee a game, the coach cannot "coach" his team or the other team. It is recommended that a neutral party keep the time.
- C. If a referee has to reprimand a coach and/or parent that needs to be relayed back to SWIS Board member as soon as possible.

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