

KINGSBURY PARK DISTRICT
SPRING SOCCER
2025 Rules

PURPOSE STATEMENT

It is our design to provide an opportunity for every child in the Kingsbury Park District and surrounding area, who wishes, to have a positive experience while learning and participating in the game of **SOCCER**.

I. ADMINISTRATION

The Kingsbury Park District Soccer League, (Hereafter, called the League) will be administered by a Soccer Supervisor to be chosen annually by the Kingsbury Park District, or its representative. Said Supervisor will control the use of the fields, scheduling, and rescheduling of the games, scheduling referees and furnishing game balls.

II. RULES

RULE 1: TEAM/PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A. Players wishing to participate should make application to the Kingsbury Park District prior to the registration cut-off date. Late registrations will not be guaranteed a roster placement or schedule of games.
- B. The entry fee for each participant shall be determined annually by the Kingsbury Park District.

RULE 2: ELIGIBILITY

- A. Team rosters will be determined by age. September 1st shall be the cutoff date for eligibility in each division.
- B. A player will play in only one age division.
- C. A birth certificate, baptismal certificate, authenticated copy of either, or any other legal evidence acceptable to the League will be presented upon request of the League Supervisor to verify age.
- D. Teams fielding players contrary to the age limits prescribed for the various divisions shall be liable to disciplinary action; that being the forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible player played.

E. The age divisions are:

U5	4,5	Practice only
U6	6	Co-ed games played 4 vs 4 (No goalie)
U8	7, 8	Co-ed games played 7 vs 7 (including goalie)
U12	9, 10, 11	Co-ed games played 7 vs 7 (including goalie)
U14	12,13,14	Co-ed games played 8 vs 8 (including goalie)

RULE 3: DRAFT

A. Players can only enter the League through the Kingsbury Park District. A draft will be held annually with the method of said draft being determined by the Kingsbury Park District.

RULE 4: PLAYING RULES

A. All games of the League are to be governed by the United States Soccer Federation, except as amended herein.

B. Any section of these rules may be amended or repealed only by the action of the League Supervisor in conjunction with the Director of Parks and Recreation.

C. Offsides will be called for U12 and U14 divisions.

- U6, U8, U10 No “Cherry Picking” – referees will be instructed to tell offensive players to move with the play of game. Offensive players need to stay in front of the defensive players. If your offensive players move between the defenders and the goal before your ball is moved to the attacking zone this will be considered “Cherry Picking”

RULE 5: LENGTH OF PLAYING TIME

A. The times for game period of the various divisions are as follows:

U5	30 Minute Practice
U6	6-minute quarters
U8	20-minute halves
U12	25-minute halves
U14	25-minute halves

RULE 6: SUBSTITUTION

- A. Player substitution can **only** be made with the **consent of the referee** during these times:
 - 1. Prior to a throw-in by either team.
 - 2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
 - 3. After a goal by either team.
 - 4. At half-time.

- B. Players **must** enter and exit the field at the **half line** nearest the players' bench.

RULE 7: UNIFORMS

- A. All players must have like colored shirts. The goal tender is the only exception, as he/she must wear a shirt that is different from both team colors.

- B. Shin guards are **MANDATORY** for all players. If a player does not have shin guards, he/she will not play.

- C. Players may use tennis shoes or soccer cleats.

RULE 8: EJECTION/CAUTION

- A. A player, coach or spectator may be ejected from the premises at any time during or prior to a match for:
 - 1. Profanity.
 - 2. A deliberate dangerous foul.
 - 3. Interfering with the referees.
 - 4. Committing a second offense after a warning has been issued.

- B. Any player ejected from a game will not play in the next regularly scheduled or rescheduled game.

- C. Any player cautioned (Yellow carded) will leave the field of play. A substitution will be allowed for the cautioned player. The cautioned player will return to the field of play at the next substitution opportunity.

RULE 9: CROWD CONTROL

- A. No person is permitted within 5 yards of the end lines. Referees will stop play to see that this rule is enforced. Players and spectators will remain at least one yard from the sidelines at all times. All laws concerning disorderly conduct as cited in the Park District Code shall prevail in all cases.

RULE 10: FORFEITURE

- A. A team will forfeit if they are 15 minutes late or cannot field at least 3 players for 4 vs. 4, 4 players for 5 vs 5, 5 players for 6 vs 6, 6 players for the 7 vs 7, 7 players for the 8 vs 8, and 8 players for 9vs 9. This rule is to be construed with some flexibility and applies only to divisions for which league standings are recorded.

RULE 11: PROTEST

- A. Due to not keeping Standings in 2025 no Protests will be allowed.

RULE 12: DIVISION STANDINGS

- A. Standings will not be kept in 2025

RULE 13: WEATHER

- A. It is the nature of the game to be played in mild weather. However, heat or thunderstorms may cause cancellation of a game. Such decisions are the responsibility of the League Supervisor prior to the start of a match or the Referee after a match has started.
- B. If a game is stopped due to poor weather, a game will be considered complete if one half has been played.
- C. If a game is stopped and not officially completed, it will be rescheduled and resumed at the point of suspension.

RULE 14: PLAYING TIME

- A. Each player in all leagues must play in each half of every game.
- B. Each player **shall** play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

RULE 15: GOAL KICK –U6 ONLY

- A. On a goal kick in the U6 league, there will be 9 feet between the goalie and the nearest player.

RULE 16: FOR U8, U10, U12 and U14 ONLY

- A. At the beginning of the game, at the beginning of the 2nd half, and on all goal kicks, the kick is direct (i.e., A goal can be scored on the kick).

RULE 17: HEADING THE BALL

Illinois **A. In accordance with the recommendations in US Soccer's Player Safety Youth Soccer, U5, U6, U8, U10, AND U12 leagues are banned from heading the ball.**

- When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.

