

Hunter Championship 9 v 9 Rules for Soccer

Goals, Coach and Parent Conduct

- The goal of intramural soccer is to nurture life long soccer fans and players
- Opposing parents and coaches should cheer and clap for **ALL** the players on **BOTH** teams.
- Players and coaches must shake hands after each game.

Field

- Dimensions shall be rectangular and approximately 75 yards long by 50 yards with a half-way line and a center circle with a 8 yard radius.
- The goalkeeper area is (goalkeeper's box) approximately 14 yds by 36 yds.
- There is also a traditional 6 yard box.
- Penalty mark will be 10 yards from the endline between the 2 posts.
- An arc will be made outside the goalkeeper's box that is 8 yards from the penalty mark.

Equipment

- Ball size 4.
- Players must be geared properly at all practices and games:
 - Cleats, shin guards, and soccer socks (completely covering the shin guards).
 - No jewelry of any kind (earrings, necklaces, bracelets).

Number of Players

- Format is 9 v 9. Eight field players and one goalkeeper.
- Substitutions can be made on possession stoppages. Any stoppage in which your team restarts play.
- Substitutions can also be made if the opposing team is substituting a player
- Players must be allowed to play minimum of 50% of each game.
 - Exceptions include injury, illness, unwillingness to play, or disciplinary reasons.
- If a team is beating their opposition by 5 goals, that team will remove their goalkeeper and will be forced to play without a goalkeeper until the opposition scores and the margin returns to 4 goals.
 - The purpose of intramural is to **have fun, learn the game of soccer and improve your soccer skills** not to thrash the opponent
- If the team that is winning increases their lead by a 6th goal (without a goalkeeper) 2 field players will also be removed.
 - The coaches of the team that leads by 6 goals will need to explain their unsportsmanlike behavior to the Intramural Coordinator, Club Vice President and Club President.

Games duration

- (2) 25 minute halves (water/snack breaks in between)
- One neutral official (referee) assigned.

Game Play

- All rules FIFA will be enforced by the referee.
- No Heading is allowed in this age group
- Fouls and Misconducts Conform to FIFA guidelines
- Players must give 8 yards on all free kicks
- Final score, cautions and ejections are reported by the referee to the Intramural Coordinator
- Teams receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for loss
- Standings will be kept and playoffs will take place at the end of the season