



PSU RULES FOR In-House RECREATIONAL SOCCER: U7 and U8 Age Levels

The Pewaukee Sussex United has established the following playing rules for small-sided soccer in the club at the U7 and U8 level.

Law 1 – The Field

- The field shall be rectangular; its length will be 35 yards and width 30 yards. The size of the goals shall be 4x6.
- Markings – The markings shall be centerline with a circle radius of 4 (four) yards around it, 4 (four) corner arcs with a 2 (foot) ft. radius, and Goal Area (box) is directly in front of the goal.
- Both teams of coaches and players will occupy the sideline opposite of spectators. Spectators will sit 15-20 yards “off” of the field so as to not disrupt and influence the independent decision making of players.

Law 2 – The Ball

- The ball size is three (3).

Law 3 – The Players

- Maximum number of players on the field to start is four. Teams and games may be coed. Minimum number of players needed to play is three. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed eight. The game is played without a goalkeeper.
- Each player may score 2 (two) goals per half for a total of 4 (four) goals. No player may score more than 4 goals per game.
- Playing Time: Every player, shall play a minimum of 50% of the playing time allowed, except for disciplinary reasons. Adjustments in playing time may be made in the event the player is absent from practice without notifying the coach.
- Substitutions may occur at any stoppage in play.

Law 4 – Players Equipment

- Coaches are responsible for making sure all players are properly attired. Proper attire consists of the following: Tucked in jersey, shorts, socks, shin-guards, and footwear. Tennis shoes or cleated soccer shoes are permitted, however, metal spikes are not permitted. All players must wear shin-guards covered entirely by soccer socks or they are not allowed to participate. Jewelry is not permitted. If ears have just been pierced tape over the front and back of the earring is accepted.
- No casts of any kind are permitted: The WYSA state rules prohibit any player, from participating, if that player is wearing a cast. The WYSA has defined a cast to include any type of metal, plastic, or plaster cast even if it is a hard or soft protective covering. It is the obligation of the coaches and parents to adhere to this rule.

Law 5 – The Referee

- Each game is to be referred by one coaching representative from each of the teams participating in the game. Coaches will each referee one half of the game. Coaches will decide prior to game time which coach will referee each half of the game. The expectation is that both coaches work together for the betterment of both teams and sets of players.

Law 6 – The Game

- The game shall be divided into four (4) equal, twelve (12) minute quarters. Each quarter shall have a stoppage at the four minute mark for substitutions. There will be a two minute break between quarters one and two and quarters three and four. There shall be a half-time break of five minutes. It is the responsibility of both sets of coaches to ensure that the game time stays on schedule.
- Blow out games: When a team is up by 3 goals the team that is behind can add a player. At a 6 goal lead the team that is behind may add another player and continue to do so every 3 goals. The numbers increase or decreases as goals are scored.
- Cancellation, Reschedule, Rain Out, or Adding Games – If for some reason you need to cancel, reschedule or add a game, please contact the game scheduler (schedulerpewaukeesussex@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Do not wait to call the night before a game. A consideration of at least 1 to 2 weeks is expected. If you know there is a conflict in the beginning of the Season email the game scheduler before the season starts. All rescheduled games will be moved to the preset date as the first and preferred option. You must call the opposing coach and let them know you can not make your scheduled date and then remind them of the preset date then find a time that works on that date. As a last resort only option you may try to reschedule to an alternative date. There will be only one attempt to reschedule a game by the game scheduler, the preset date is used first, and if that cannot be used, an alternative date will be considered.

Law 7 – The Start and Re-Start of Play

- Kick-Off: The procedure: Opponent must be 4 yards from the center mark outside center circle while the kick off is in progress. The ball must be kicked into the opponent's half of the field. Initial kicker must not kick the ball a second time until it touches another player.
 - The Re-start: The re-start of play can be a kick-off (as previously defined) or a dropped ball. After a team scores a goal the other team takes a kick-off. A dropped ball is a way of restarting the game after a temporary stoppage which becomes necessary while the ball is in play for any reason not mentioned elsewhere.

Law 8 – The Ball In and Out of Play

- The ball is out of play during the following circumstances: (1) When it has completely crossed the goal line or touchline, whether on the ground or in the air, or (2) When the referee has halted the game.
 - The ball is in play at all other times including when it rebounds from the goalpost, crossbar, or corner flag post and remains in the field of play, or when it rebounds from the referee on the field.

Law 9 – The Method of Scoring

- Goal Scored – A goal is scored when the whole ball passes over the goal line. The ball must cross the goal line between the goal posts and under the provided that the team scoring the goal has no infringement of the Laws of the Game. A goal cannot be scored from the start of play kick off. After a goal is scored, the team that was scored upon will do a kick off to restart play. Score is not kept officially at the U7 and U8 age level.

Law 10 – Offside

- There shall be no offside called during these games.

Law 11 – Fouls and Misconducts

- Shall be classified under one heading INDIRECT! All penalties and fouls will result in an indirect kick for the other team at the spot of the infraction. Opponents must be three (3) yards away before kick is allowed. The coach shall explain all infractions on the field and shall do so keeping in mind that these are very young players. The explanation should be extremely brief so as not to take away from the playing time.
- If a player continues in play, which is harmful to other players or disruptive to the game, he/she shall be removed from the field by his/her team coach or a period determined by the coach that is refereeing after two verbal warnings. No cautions or ejections shall be issued to players.
- Goal Area (Box) Camping – Goal camping is any player who is positioned or posted in or near the goal area (box) for more than 10 seconds after the ball has moved towards the opposite side of the field. No Player is allowed to stand in or near the goal area (box) that is not directly involved in a play. However, players (both offensive and defensive) are allowed to enter the goal area (box) when the area is involved in a play. A player that is warned 2 times in a quarter for defensive camping will be substituted out by the coaches of the game.

Law 12 – Free Kicks

- Shall be classified under one heading: INDIRECT and opponents must be three (3) yards away before kick is allowed. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending teams goal area (box). Free kicks will occur when a foul or handball has occurred.

Law 13 – Penalty Kicks

- No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

Law 14 – Kick-in

- Kick In – A team will be awarded a kick-in, when their opponent touches the ball last and the whole ball goes over the sideline. The player taking the kick-in must set the ball so that it is touching the sideline in the same spot where it went out of bounds at. The player taking the kick in, may dribble the ball in to play to restart the play or pass it in to begin the play again. If a player attempts to kick it in and the ball does not enter play, they will be given another opportunity to take the kick in. Opponents must be 2 yards off of the sideline from the player taking the kick-in.

Law 15 – Goal Kick

- A goal kick is awarded when the whole ball, having touched a player of the attacking team crosses the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored. The ball is placed in the goal area/box (usually on one of the corners, but it can be anywhere inside the goal area) and kicked out of the penalty area. The ball is in play when it is kicked directly beyond the penalty area outside the large goal area/box. The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until it has touched another player. Opponents must be 4 yards from the ball.

Law 16 – Corner Kick

- A corner kick is awarded when the whole ball, having touched a player of the defending team crosses the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored. The ball must be placed in the corner spot of the field. If no spot exists, it must be within 2 yards of where the sideline and end line meet. A corner kick will be considered a kick-in or a free indirect kick and opponents must be 4 yards away before the kick is allowed.