



Laws For GRADE 3-5 - Soccer

PLEASE get to all games 30 minutes before the game and check the safety of goals and field surface. I would encourage ALL Officials to meet with the Coaches before the game and explain and agree the points below (PRINT and reference it until you get to know it).

Make sure the area where substitutes should enter the field are marked out with cones and are well back from the side line. Coaches **MUST** stay off the field and in their own half and out of the substitute area.

While refereeing, **EXPLAIN** why you have made a decision to the players. Example. "Indirect free kick to Blue. Red No 7 committed handling). The players and many coaches and spectators are learning the game, so if they may not agree with the decision but they will at least understand **WHY** you have given it.

Please note that for EVSC for Grade 3-5 we will be applying the following:

- 25 minutes each half, with 5 minutes for half time.
- **Teams will be 7 vs. 7 players.** When stating numbers on each side it ALWAYS includes the Goalkeeper.
- Inspection of equipment should ENSURE:
- No jewelry i.e. piercing jewelry, earrings, necklaces etc
 - If safety glasses are being worn that they are secured around the head
 - Socks are over shin guards and shin guards are fully covered
 - No hoodies...they are a safety risk. Can be pulled around the neck. CAN be tucked in under the shirt.
 - Throw Ins: EXPLAIN how to do a throw-in. From the NECK, BOTH feet on the ground, No feet in FRONT of the side line. As with previous seasons we will allow 2 ATTEMPTS.
- Ensure that if there are no markings on the Field that the **Build Out Lines** are indicated with cones for each half of the field.
- Explain the law concerning the Build Out lines. HERE'S A LINK TO A 2 MINUTE VIDEO EXPLAINING THE RULE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAE4dOwLmhc> Also see below (**OFFSIDE DOES NOT APPLY**).
- EXPLAIN that at Kick Off, the ball can be kicked in any direction BUT ONLY ONE PLAYER OF THE KICKING TEAM CAN BE IN THE OPPOSITION HALF.
- **NO Direct Free Kicks are given (therefore no Penalties).**
- **NO Offside is given.**
- **NO Heading allowed** (If header is willful then an indirect free kick is awarded to the other side).
- **NO slide tackling allowed** (If a slide tackle made, opposition get an indirect free kick)
- Players should retreat 7 yards from where any free kick or corner kick is to be take by the other side.
- Any stoppage of the game for injury should be re-started with a drop ball from where the ball was when the stoppage occurred and dripped for the team that had possession at the time of the stoppage.
- Substitutes can be made on any stoppage where the ball goes across a side line or goal line (Re starts would be: Throw-ins, Corner Kicks, Goal Kicks, Kick Off).
- Substitutes **MUST** be made only when Ref gives the OK by a wave or a double whistle.
- Substitutions **MUST** be made in and out of the halfway line within the coned area..
- Coaches can be ejected for continual Official abuse. **Carding IS in effect for Coaches.**
- LASTLY: At the end of the game check with Officials that all have the same score for the game and communicate to the Coaches.
- **All players should demonstrate Good Sportsmanship with fist pumping/hand shaking in a line at the center of the field at the end of the game. They should also thank you - the Official.**
- **ENTER THE RESULT INTO Game officials ASAP.**



Buildout Line Rules

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| GOALKEEPER SAVE | <p>Opponents must move behind the buildout line.</p> <p>On a 'goalkeeper save' of the ball, the ball is "live" and playable when the goalkeeper <u>releases it</u>, by; (a) releasing the ball from hands to pass it, or (b) by throwing/rolling the ball.</p> <p>Opponents may immediately cross the buildout line, when the ball is released by any of the above methods.</p> <p>Can a goalkeeper do a quick release of the ball, while the opposing team is still within the buildout line-YES. If a goalkeeper releases the ball before opponents are behind the buildout line, they are accepting the positioning of the opponents at that moment.</p> |
| PUNTING | <p>Punting is not allowed.</p> <p>An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opponent, if a punt occurs. If the punt or drop kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.</p> |
| GOAL KICK | <p>All opponents must move behind the buildout line.</p> <p>The ball is placed on the goal line for a kick. The ball may not be kicked until all opponents are behind the buildout line. During a goal kick, opponents may attack the ball, once it has been kicked and moves. It does not have to leave the penalty area or cross the build-out line before they can attack the ball.</p> |
| 6 SECOND RULE | <p>The standard 6 second rule applies to the goalkeeper. They must release the ball within 6 seconds, <u>after</u> the opponents have moved behind the buildout line, for either a goal kick, or a goalkeeper save/release.</p> |
| HEADING | <p>Heading is not allowed. An indirect free kick shall be given to the opposing team, at spot of 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 nearest point to where the infringement occurred.</p> |

NOTE: The awarding of Indirect Free Kicks to opponents, due to headers/punting being done is not to be used to define '**persistent infringement**'. A player is not to be penalized for their lapse of judgment in doing the offense, several times. They are to be simply reminded that they may not do such an act.