



## Laws & Guidelines For GRADE 6-8 CO-ED 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.**

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

Please note that for EVSC for CO-ED we will be applying the following:

- 30 minutes each half, with 5 minutes for half time.
- Teams will be 9 vs 9 players.
- 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 under shirts...they are a safety risk. Can be pulled around the neck.
- 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.
- EXPLAIN that in the event of a Penalty that GK coming forward off the line BEFORE the kick is taken is a Cautionable Offense i.e. yellow card.
- **EXPLAIN Offside only becomes an offense when an attacker becomes active i.e. plays the ball or interferes with play.**
- **No SLIDE TACKLING** allowed (If a slide tackle is made, the opposition get a direct free kick).
- Players should retreat 10 yards from where any free kick or corner kick is to be taken 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 to the team that had possession.
- 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 the Ref gives the OK by a wave or a double whistle.**
- **Substitutions MUST be made in and out of the halfway line.**
- **YELLOW CARDS WILL BE USED FOR REPEATED OFFENSES OF RECKLESS OR DANGEROUS FOULS OR MISCONDUCT. PRODUCE THE YELLOW CARD TAKE THE NAME/NUMBER OF THE PLAYER AND THEN SPEAK TO THE COACH. ASK THE COACH TO EXPLAIN WHY THE YELLOW CARD to the player. THEY CAN INTRODUCE THE PLAYER LATER IN THE GAME, after a minimum of 15 mins. No sub is allowed for the cautioned player.**
- 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 at the end of the game with fist bumps/hand shakes in the middle of the field and with you - the Official.**
- **ENTER THE RESULT INTO Game Officials ASAP.**