



Summer Soccer 2025 Rules

- 1. Match Cards:** No need to fill out a match card. Game leaders or referees will record and submit scores at the canteen after the match. Kick-off can be delayed by a maximum of 5 minutes, after which the game will be forfeited.
- 2. Forfeit Notification:** Teams that forfeit without giving more than 24 hours' notice will face a \$30 fine and a 3-0 loss. Teams that provide more than 24 hours' notice will only incur a 3-0 loss.
- 3. 6-Second Rule:** The 6-second rule applies to dead-ball situations at the referee's discretion.
- 4. Goalkeeper Area:** Goalkeepers cannot leave the penalty area. This rule does not apply to U5/6/7 competitions, where there is no goalkeeper and only 4 players on the field.
- 5. Penalty Area Restrictions:** No players are allowed in the penalty area (the "D"). This does not apply to U5/6/7 competitions.
- 6. Defenders in the D:** Any defender inside the "D" results in a direct penalty from the top of the D. This does not apply to U5/6/7 competitions.
- 7. Goalkeepers in the D:** If a goalkeeper leaves the "D," it results in a direct penalty from the top of the D. This does not apply to U5/6/7 competitions.
- 8. Free Kicks:** All other free kicks are indirect.
- 9. Slide Tackles:** Slide tackles are not permitted.
- 10. Goalkeeper Limitations:** Goalkeepers cannot kick or throw the ball over the halfway line on the full. Violations result in a free kick from the halfway line.
- 11. Kick ins only:** Only the goalkeeper is allowed to take goal kicks. No throw ins.
- 12. Back Pass Rule:** As per local rules, goalkeepers cannot pick up back passes. This results in an indirect free kick 3 yards outside the penalty area.
- 13. Substitutions:** Interchanges must be made at the halfway line.
- 14. Sin Bin:** Referees may use a yellow card to send players to the sin bin for about 5 minutes. Sin-binned players cannot be replaced. Two sin bins in one game equals a red card, resulting in at least a one-week suspension, subject to judiciary discretion.
- 15. Unregistered Players:** Playing unregistered players results in a forfeit and a \$30 fine.
- 16. Minimum Players:** Teams must have at least 4 players, including a goalkeeper, on the field at all times, or the game will be forfeited with a 3-0 loss. This does not apply to U5/6/7 competitions.
- 17. No Offside Rule:** The offside rule does not apply.
- 18. Game Times:** U5/6/7 matches consist of 2 x 15-minute halves. All other age groups play 2 x 20-minute halves.
- 19. Footwear:** Players must wear football boots. Failure to comply makes the player ineligible to play.
- 20. Shin Guards:** Shin guards must be worn. Players without them will be ineligible to play.
- 21. Goalkeeper Attire:** Goalkeepers must wear a distinctive shirt or bib/vest that differentiates them from other players and officials. Bibs will be available if required.



22. Team Uniforms: Teams must adhere to the dress code of matching shirts. Socks and shorts do not have to all be the same.

23. Handicap Rule: The committee reserves the right to handicap teams playing up in older age groups.

24. Scoring Points: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss or washout.

25. No Catch-up Games: If a game is cancelled due to weather, it will be considered a washout (see rule 24).

26. Finals: The finals date will be announced at the end of the 10-week competition. Semi-finals will pit 1st vs. 4th and 2nd vs. 3rd, with the winners advancing to the grand final on the same night. No extra time; ties will be settled by a penalty shootout (best of 3).

27. Registrations & IDs: All team registrations will be checked before the competition starts, and player IDs will be checked before finals.

28. Bye Rounds: If some teams have 2 bye rounds while others have 1, the teams with the second bye will be awarded a 1-0 win and 3 points.

29. Abusive Behaviour: Any abusive behaviour directed at referees, players, staff, or anything that brings the game into disrepute (including fights and parents who cause the issues) will result in the game being abandoned. Both teams will receive zero points (if this happens a second time, teams will be kicked out), and in finals, neither team will progress.



Summer Soccer 2025 Field Map





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