



## Fusion F.C. U9/U11 & U12/U15 Recreation/Intramural Rules

Coaches are required to keep parents on parents designated side of the field. No parents behind the goals please.

U9/U11 players will play with a size 4 ball.

U12/U15 players will play with a size 5 ball

Games for U9/U11 will be 7v7. Games for U12-U15 will be 11v11

Check website for cancellations if bad weather is present. Any cancellations are at the discretion of the VP of Recreation, Club President, or VP of Facilities.

### Player Equipment

Players must wear soccer cleats (NO baseball or football cleats allowed) and shin guards.

No jewelry may be worn.

Goalies are required to wear a goalie jersey or pinnie that is a color that does not correspond with either team jersey on the field.

### Length of Game

Games will be two 25-minute halves with a 10 minute halftime.

Teams will switch sides at half time.

### Start of Play

Each team should start with 7 players including a goalie.

Both teams must start with the same number of players.

Coin toss, between captains, should be done to determine ball possession and which team is defending which goal.

Opponents must be outside the half circle at midfield while kickoff is in progress.

Ball does not need to be kicked forward during kickoff.

Initial kicker must not kick ball a second time until it has been touched by another player.

If there is an infraction during the start of play, the kickoff should be retaken. The referee is responsible to explain the proper method before allowing the player a second opportunity.

### BuildOut Line

When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw, or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal. The opposing team must also move behind the build out line during a goal kick until the ball is put into play.

(U9/U11) If a goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. 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.

*IN U12-U15 DROP KICKS AND HEADER ARE ALLOWED.*

The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line.

Players must keep feet on the ground for a throw in and outside of the boundary. They also must throw from behind the head. If either of these rules are not followed the ball will be awarded to the other team to throw in.

Fouls, Misconduct, Ball In & Out of Play

All fouls will result in a free kick with the opponents at least 10 yards away.

The referee should explain the infraction to the player.

Ball is in play until it crosses a side or goal line completely. Play until whistle is blown.

Free Kicks

Indirect resulting from foul.

Goal may not be scored from an indirect kick until the ball has been touched by a second player, of either team.

No free kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal area.

Throwins

Throw-ins will be completed from the side lines.

Goal Kicks

Goal kick will restart the game after the ball entirely crosses the goal line, outside of the goal posts and was last touched by the attacking team.

Goal kick should be taken from either corner of the goal box by the defending team.

Opponents must be behind the buildout line.

Corner Kicks

Corner kicks restart the game after the ball has entirely crossed the goal line, outside of the goal posts and was last touched by the defending team.

Ball must be placed along the goal line at the corner of the playing area.

Kick is taken by the attacking team.

Opponents must be 5 yards away from the ball.

Penalty Kicks

A penalty kick will be awarded when a blatant foul or clear hand ball occurs by the defensive team within the penalty box.

The kick will be made from the penalty mark

All remaining players must be outside the penalty box until the kick is taken.

Referees will not award penalty kicks for incidental contact within the penalty box.

General

Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage.

Coaches are not permitted on the field of play unless an injury has occurred.

Parents may not approach the field of play or referees under any circumstances except injury (and only when called upon by the coach).

Players should be subbed in every 5 minutes or so. Coaches must allow equal playing time for each player NO MATTER WHAT ABILITY THE PLAYER SHOWS.

No heading. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team. If it occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

Build Out Line When the goalie has possession of the ball all opposing players must be behind the build out line until the ball is put into play.

Goal keepers are not permitted to punt or drop kick the ball. They must roll out or throw the ball.

#### Head Injury Rule

A player suspected of having a head injury the referee is instructed to stop play for treatment/intervention. A player with a suspected head injury may not return to the game without clearance from a health professional, required in writing.

Any coach or parent insisting on returning the player without clearance will result in the referee ending the game.

#### Referee Specific Rules

Referees are encouraged to tell the children why a decision has been made (For example: The ball goes out of play, Blue kick as it touched Yellow last). Referees do not have to give explanations to parents.

Referee's decision is final.

Any concerns parents/coaches have with the referee should be immediately addressed with the Head Referee that day or by contacting the referee coordinator.