

PECSA Game Rule Summary

	U5	U7	U9	U11	U13	U16
Ball Size	3	3	4	4	5	5
Coaches allowed on pitch	Yes, during play		N/A			
Max # Players	6	7	7	8	11	11
Min # Players (*see below)	4*	5*	5*	6*	7	7
Halves (in minutes)	20	20	25	25	30	35
Throw/Pass In	Pass	Pass	Pass	Throw	Throw	Throw
Offside Enforced	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crossing arms over chest	Female players are permitted to cross their arms at their chests and not receive penalty of hand ball if struck (only when covering chest)					
Keeper can handle back pass	No Keeper	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
<i>Keeper handling a back pass (when they touch the ball with their hands directly after a pass from a team mate) in the lower age groups is intended to encourage and help young keepers gain confidence.</i>						
Players in crease	No Keeper	Only Keeper allowed	Anyone allowed in crease			
Retreat Line on Goal Kicks	During a goal kick, the attacking team must remain behind the retreat line until the ball has been touched by another player other than the kicker or the ball has crossed the retreat line				Does not apply to full pitch age groups	
Substitutions	On any stoppage in play, but only with referee consent				On any goal kicks, after goal scored, on own throw-in and whenever other team subs	
PECSA Fair Play Rule	At 4 th goal behind , team adds one player, at 6 th goal behind team adds second player				At 4 th goal ahead , team loses one player, at 6 th goal ahead team loses second player	
*Short Handed Rule	If team has minimum number of players the other team can only play one more than the set minimum (ie. U11 team with full team can only field 6 players to the short team's 5)				Does not apply to full pitch age groups, but can be implemented if both teams agree	
Importing of Players (Only applies if the team is playing with less than the maximum number of players)	n/a	Players currently registered with PECSA can help a team that is short-handed, but only on a single game basis and it must be for a team one age group above their own (ie. U13 player can be called up for a U16 game, but not a U13 game)				
Abusive language & Bullying	Is not permitted on any pitch by any player, coach, official, parent, volunteer or spectator. All abuses need to be reported to PECSA Executive Members as soon as possible.					

Any concerns or questions regarding these policies may be directed through CONTACT US at

www.pecsa.ca or an Executive Member