

Diocesan Athletic Conference
Soccer Rules
4th-6th Grade Division (Co-ed) - Junior Division

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Team rosters must be submitted to the DAD before the first regular season game. Failure to submit will result in forfeiture of the first game. It may also result in suspension of the coach and forfeiture of future games.
- B. It is the coach's and Athletic Director's responsibility to control fans and/or parents during the games.
- C. Each player participating in the Junior Formative League must meet eligibility requirements set forth by the Diocesan Athletic Conference.
- D. The Junior Division will be limited to students in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. No children in K-3rd will be eligible to participate.
- E. All eligible children at participating schools should be allowed to participate. The Diocesan Athletic Conference admonishes "cutting", and encourages the participation of all students who wish to play.
- F. If a school fields more than one team, the school may create a "Gold" and "Silver" team.

II. LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

- G. A game shall consist of two (2) halves, each lasting twenty-five (25) minutes. There shall be a five (5) minute half-time break.
- H. A size 4 ball will be used.
- I. The league shall provide one (1) official per game. Each team will provide one (1) linesman per game.
- J. League standings will be kept and a postseason tournament will be held at the end of the season. Only division games will count toward the official standings.
- K. Tie breakers for seeding will be determined by 1) Head to Head 2) Point Differential 3) Total Goals Against 4) Coin Flip
- L. The league is a 9 v 9 co-ed league. Boys and girls play on the same team(s).
- M. A player is allowed to wear a cast, as long as the cast is soft (wrapped) and as long as the player has a physician's note allowing the child.
- N. Any player, coach, or spectator ejected for any reason will not be allowed to attend the next game.
- O. The wearing of jewelry, except medical alert items, is prohibited. This includes pierced earrings (even if they are covered by band-aids).
- P. "Heading" is not allowed in practices or games.
- Q. Punting by a goalkeeper is allowed.
- R. Substitutes will be allowed for either team when the ball is out of play. Even if team A has the throw in, Team B may substitute to allow ample playing time for all athletes.

- S. There will be a 9 goal mercy rule and a +/- 3 goal differential for tie breaking purposes.
- T. During the regular season, there will be no overtime. The teams that are tied will each receive one point. Winning teams for each game will receive three points and losing teams will receive zero points.
- U. For postseason play, after regulation, there will be a penalty kick shootout to determine the winner. However, in the championship game, there will be two 5 minute overtime periods before the shootout.
- V. For postseason play, the top 3 teams from each division advance to the Gold Bracket tournament and the remaining 5 teams compete in the Silver Bracket