



**Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas
Parks and Recreation**

Youth Soccer Rules and General Information

All games shall be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Games.

Purpose

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Parks and Recreation Youth Sports Programs are non-competitive with the emphasis on basics, fundamentals, and sportsmanship. The idea is to provide knowledge of the game that will stay with them later on in life and to provide youth with encouragement so they will learn how to compete, not destroy one's confidence to participate in athletics.

Uniforms

- **Players shall not be allowed to participate in any game or practice unless they are wearing shin guards.**
- All participants will be given a team t-shirt. Shorts or pants may be worn.
- Cleats with rubber soles or tennis shoes are recommended. Absolutely no metal cleats will be permitted. No one is allowed to play without shoes.
- Players shall not be permitted to wear equipment which might lead to the injury of another player. Special braces or cast of any kind often injure other players while protecting the player wearing them.

Rainout Number 913-573-8398

In case of inclement weather, please call our rainout line. The rainout line will be updated as needed to inform teams of changes. If the games are cancelled due to weather once the day has begun, we will notify the team's contact person as soon as possible.

Rainout Dates

Rainouts will be played at the end of the schedule in the order of the rainout. If more rainouts occur than rainout dates, schedules will be revised to accommodate and create multiple games on those dates.

Awards

There will be **no** participation awards given.

Practice Times

To reserve a field, please call Jim @ 913-573-8330 or

Practice times and locations available to the youth soccer program are:

Kensington Park #1, #2, #3	M-F 5-9 PM	Sat. 9AM - 7 PM
Eisenhower Soccer Field	M-F 5-8 PM	Sat. 9AM – 7 PM

The above listed park is subject to availability and during league play there is a possibility of them not being available. A permit will need to be obtained to secure these locations for the duration of the fall season. Practice times are scheduled in 1 ½ hour time slots. The Eisenhower soccer field will accommodate more than one soccer team, so your practice may be shared with another team.

Only Kensington #2 and #3 have lights that will be turned on during daylight savings time. So schedule your practices according to daylight hours at the other fields.

Team and Player Conduct

Sponsors, coaches, players, parents, and spectators all play an important part in providing wholesome, active recreation for all concerned. Smoking on the field, profanity, gestures of poor sportsmanship, and general bad behavior will not be tolerated on or off the field. **We have a zero tolerance policy on unsportsmanlike conduct**, and will not hesitate to eject any coach, player or fan that is in violation of this rule. A player or coach will receive one warning, if a 2nd warning is placed upon the same player or coach, they will be suspended for the remainder of the game and must leave the park immediately, and they could be suspended for the next game at the Recreation Specialist's discretion.

There are laws governing alcoholic beverages in all Unified Government parks and any person in violation of this law is subject to prosecution.

As a coach of the team, you assume responsibility for the conduct of your players, coaches, and fans.

In accordance with the youth gaining a good sense of good sportsmanship, we expect each coach and player to shake hands at the conclusion of each game. If a player or coach opts not to shake hands or does so in an aggressive manner, they will be penalized the following week and not be allowed to coach or play.

Team Roster and Contracts

All youth teams will be limited to 18 players on each team. The coach must turn in for each player a completed contract and entry fee. The contract must include the signature of his/her parents or legal guardian. A contract is not valid until entry fee is received and receipt number recorded on contract by a parks and recreation representative. **No team will be allowed to play until all players have turned in contracts and entry fees have been paid in full.**

No roster changes will be allowed after the second week of play. Any and all roster changes have to be approved by the Recreation Specialist. In the event of illness or injury a doctor's note must accompany a roster change.

Time Limits

- Game time is forfeit time. No grace periods will be allowed. A forfeit game will only be officiated by the referees if both teams are present and only one half of the game will be played.
- The referee with the stopwatch will be the official timer.
- A coin is tossed and the team that wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of the match.
- 5-6 division plays 16 minute halves running clock with a 5 minute halftime.
- 7-8 division plays 20 minute halves running clock with a 5 minute halftime.
- 9-11 division plays 25 minute halves running clock with a 5 minute halftime.
- 12-14 division plays 25 minute halves running clock with a 5 minute halftime.
- The clock will be stopped only in case of injury.

Age Divisions

All divisions will be age based. Each of the ages will have their own unique set of guidelines, but will fall under the same playing rules.

- 5-6 age division, there is no offside.
- All rules are governed by the FIFA Laws of the game for all age divisions except where changes have been noted by the Unified Government Parks and Recreation.