

I. MANAGEMENT

1. Play is governed by IHSA rules unless otherwise stated in the League Rules
2. Team managers, coaches, players and the referee are not authorized to change the league rules or policies, even if mutually agreed upon. Violation of this rule will result in a double forfeit.
3. A maximum of three coaches are allowed on the SIDELINES with teams. Each coach must remain on their side of the field and must not cross the mid line.
4. Coaches or Assistant Coaches are NOT allowed in the goal area. All spectators must sit in the designated areas.
5. All players must be registered through Tri-City Recreation.

II. VERIFICATION OF AGE

1. The word of the player's parent or guardian will be accepted, unless challenged. The league directors reserve the right to request a birth certificate, a suitable copy, or any legal transcript that the director approves for verification.

III. LEAGUE RULES

1. No player may be registered or play on more than one team during the current season.
2. No corner flags shall be required.
3. The ball size for the divisions shall be as follows:

Ponytail, Petite, Pee Wee, Atom, Bantam & Chic – Size 4	Sophomore & Midget - Size 5
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4. The league will provide the game ball.
5. The required number of players to start a game will be determined by the Tri-City Board and will be stated on team schedules. **Both teams will play with the same number of players.**
6. After an injury on either team, any player may be substituted when the referee stops play.
7. Substitutions can also be made during any corner kick, full back or goalie kick and all throw-ins.
8. All substitutions must be made at the center line.
9. **ALL players MUST wear shin guards.**
10. **NO SLIDE TACKLES.** We are doing this for safety reasons.
11. The length of the games for each division shall be as follows:

Ponytail, Petite, Peewee & Atom - two 20-minute halves
Chic, Sophomore, Bantam & Midget - two 25-minute halves
12. There will be no overtime periods. In case of a tie, a shoot-out of 3 kicks will immediately follow. If there is still a tie, additional round of one kick each will be used until the tie is broken. No player may kick twice. Peewee and Ponytail divisions will not have shoot-outs.
13. The half-time interval shall be five minutes long.
14. The referee shall act as official timekeeper and scorekeeper.
15. Girls may use their hands and arms for protection of the upper part of their torsos.
16. Boys may use their hands and arms to protect their lower midsection.
17. **There will be no intentional head balls allowed in any division.** If a head ball does intentionally occur then it will be considered a foul against the offending team and a free kick will be given to the opposing team.
18. **All players present are required to play at least one quarter of the game time.**
19. Standings are determined by overall wins, head to head, then total goals allowed for the season. Standings will not be kept in Peewee & Ponytail Divisions.
20. If a game is called prior to the end of regulation, it shall be considered a complete game if three-fourths of the regularly scheduled time has been played. If the game is less than three-fourths over, it will resume from the point where it was called.
21. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.** The player, coach, assistant coach, spectator or team guilty of such violation or of using profanity on the field shall be removed from the game at the discretion of the referee. In the case of unsportsmanlike conduct, players and/or coaches may be issued a yellow or red card, depending on the severity of the violation. If a player or coach receives a red card, they will be suspended one game. If two red cards are issued to the same participant during the season it could result in suspension from the league. Please remember why we have this soccer league. Cards will not be given out in the Peewee & Ponytail Divisions. **THE KIDS:** They look up to the adults to set a good example of sportsmanship.
22. **Smoking, drinking alcohol and vulgar language are prohibited on the playing field and bleachers.**
23. **Mercy Rule:** No goal will be recorded beyond a 5 point lead. Ex: If team A is winning 5-0 over team B and scores another goal the score will still be 5-0. If team B scores a goal the score will be 5-1.

SUMMARY OF LEAGUES:

Division	Age	Ball Size	Game Time	# of Persons Playing
Pee-Wee	5 & 6	#4	2 – 20 min. Halves	6-(5 to start game)
Ponytail	5 & 6	#4	2 – 20 min. Halves	6-(5 to start game)
Atom	7 & 8	#4	2 – 20 min. Halves	7-(6 to start game) including goalie
Petite	7 & 8	#4	2 – 20 min. Halves	7-(6 to start game) including goalie
Chic	9 & 10	#4	2 – 25 min. Halves	8-(7 to start game) including goalie
Bantam	9 & 10	#4	2 – 25 min. Halves	8-(7 to start game) including goalie
Sophomore	11, 12, & 13	#5	2 – 25 min. Halves	9-(8 to start game) including goalie
Midget	11, 12, & 13	#5	2 – 25 min. Halves	11-(8 to start game) including goalie

The number of persons playing is subject to change with the adjustment in registration numbers.

Summary of new divisional setup for 2017

<p>Age 5-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6v6 with no goalkeepers • Small goals • No goal box/ penalty area • 25 x 40 yards • 1 ref • No offsides • No score/standings kept • 2- 20 min halves, 5-minutes half time • Size 4 ball
<p>Age 7-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7v7 with goalkeepers • Small goals • Yes goal box/ penalty area • 25 x 40 yards • 1 ref • No offsides • Standings kept • 2- 20 min halves, 5-minutes half time • Size 4 ball
<p>Age 9-10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8v8 with goalkeepers • Smaller goals than high school • Yes goal box/ penalty area • 40 x 54 yards • 2 ref • Offsides • Standings kept • 2- 25 min halves, 5-minutes half time • Size 4 ball
<p>Age 11-13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9v9 with goalkeepers • High school sized field and goals • Yes goal box/ penalty area • 2 ref • Offsides • Standings kept • 2- 25 min halves, 5-minutes half time