



## Port Orange Recreation Department 2018 Soccer Rules

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### National Federation of High School Rules with the following exceptions:

1. U6 Rookies, U8 co-ed, U10 co-ed, & U14 girls will play four (8) minute quarters, (1) minute between quarters, (5) minutes for halftime. U14 boys will play four (10) min quarters, (1) minute between quarters, (5) minutes for halftime. Overtime for U8 – U14 will not take place until the playoffs.
2. **All players in uniform must play a total equivalent to 2 full quarters or 1 full half each game. All leagues will have open subbing; however, it is on the coach to make sure each player plays at least half of each game. If a coach fails to do so, he or she will sit out their next game.**
3. **Games:**
  - U6 Rookies will play 6v6 without goalies and may start and finish a game with 5 players. U6 will not keep score or standings.
  - U8 and U10 divisions will play 8v8, which is 7 plus a goalie. Teams may start and finish a game with 6 players. If a team has less than 6 players, they will forfeit the game.
  - U14 boys will play 8v8, which is 7 plus a goalie. Teams may start and finish a game with 6 players. If a team has less than 6 players, they will forfeit the game.
  - U14 girls will play 6v6, which is 5 plus a goalie. Teams may start and finish a game with 4 players. If a team as less than 4 players, they will forfeit the game.
  - **Note:** *As an example, if a team has 8 players and the other team has 7 players at the start of the game, it is up to the coach who has more players if they want to play down to make it fair, but does not have to.*
4. **For all age groups, there is a (10) minute grace period for the first game only.**
5. All players and coaches must stay in their designated team area.
6. A coin toss will determine which team kicks off to start the game. Team will switch sides as halftime.
7. There is **NO protesting**. All decisions will be decided by the Referee and Supervisor(s).
8. **If for any reason, a player, coach or spectator is removed from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct, they will miss their next game. A second infraction during the season will be cause in a removal from the league.**
9. U6 Rookies, U8 co-ed, U10 co-ed, & U14 girls will not have off sides called. U14 boys will play with off sides calls.
10. The goalie can pick up the ball anywhere inside the penalty box, but not when their own team passes them the ball.
11. U6 Rookie, U8 & U10 co-ed divisions will have direct kicks on all penalties. U14 divisions will play with both Indirect and Direct kicks on penalties, deemed by referee. Indirect means someone must touch the ball before you can score. Direct means you can score on the free kick without anyone touching the ball.
12. **No slide tackling:** All slide tackles will be considered dangerous play and will result in a Direct kick for the other team.

13. **Heading the ball is prohibited in practices and games for U6 Rookies, U8 co-ed & U10 divisions. If there is a head ball during a game the other team will receive possession of the ball (*Referee judgement call*). If the defensive team heads the ball in the goal box, a corner kick will be awarded to the other team. If the offensive team heads the ball in the goal box, a goal kick will be awarded to the other team. U14 divisions may head the ball in games ONLY, no heading the ball in practices.**
14. Ball sizes: (U6 Rookies size 3), (U8 & U10 size 4), (U14 size 5).
15. In standings, teams will get 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie.
16. **Equipment check will start 10 minutes prior to the start of the game. All players must be in full matching uniform tops, shin guards with soccer socks over shin guards and black soccer shorts without pockets. NO JEWELRY ALLOWED such as ear rings of any style, bracelets, necklaces, sunglasses (unless prescription), hats and wristwatches. Note: Taping over ear rings is NOT ALLOWED.**
17. **All games are official games. If a game gets called due to inclement weather before half time, the game will be rescheduled and start where it left off. Games called due to weather after half time are considered a competed game and will not be made up. It will be the coach's responsibility to check for rainouts and when the game will be made up. For immediate updates, text the word RECALERT to 55678 and Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/portorangeparks](http://www.facebook.com/portorangeparks).**
18. **Tournament Tie Breaker:** For seeding purposes, it will go- 1<sup>st</sup> head to head, 2<sup>nd</sup> goals against difference, 3<sup>rd</sup> goals scored difference, 4<sup>th</sup> coin flip.
19. **Tournament Overtime:**
  - One (5) minute golden goal period, meaning first team to score wins.
  - If there is still no winner after golden goal, game goes into PK's (penalty kick), (5) shooters each team. Coin flip will decide who shoots first.
  - If still tied, another round of PK's will take place and (5) new shooters will be picked from each team. Coin flip will decide who goes first.
  - If still tied, each team will pick their top (1) shooter and will go head to head in PK's until a winner is deemed. Coin flip will decide who goes first.