

# **YMCA 3, 4, & 5 Year Old Youth Soccer Rules**

1. The games will be played 3-on-3 and the game length will be four, 8-minute quarters with no overtime and no timeouts.
  - In order to ensure that players are getting adequate playing time, players will be rotated so they are playing at least half the game.
  - While a player is on the sideline and not actively playing in a game or practice, they will not be required to wear a face mask in concordance with KDHE guidelines.
  - While a coach is instructing during practice or a game, they are not required to wear a face mask. Once the game/practice has ended the coach will need to put their mask on.
2. The goals will be 4'x 8' and the goal area will be 12'x 6'. There will be no goalies and players may not touch the ball within the goal area but a player may run through the area.
  - If a defender touches the ball in the goal area, a goal will be awarded to the offensive team.
  - If an offensive player touches the ball or the ball stops rolling in the goal area, a goal kick will be awarded to the defensive team.
3. All goal kicks may be taken from any point along the end line. The ball will be placed by the official and the defending team will stand at least 12 ft. away to defend the kick.
4. Kick-offs may be taken in any direction.
5. The ball will be kicked in from the sideline; defending players must stand at least 12 ft. away to defend the kick.
6. All dead ball kicks, goal kicks, kick-ins and kick-offs are indirect kicks and must touch another player before crossing the goal line in order to score. Corner kicks and penalty kicks are direct kicks and may score without touching any other player.
7. Corner kicks are granted when a defending player is the last to touch the ball outside of the goal area and it goes across the end line. The ball is kicked by the offense from the nearest corner and the defense will stand a minimum of 12 ft. away from the ball.
8. Penalty kicks will be awarded for major fouls if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by the infraction. The ball is kicked from the mid-field line and all other players must be behind the mid-field line when the kick is taken. All other penalty kicks will occur at the point in which they were committed with the appropriate 12 ft. yield distance.

9. To coincide with recommendations from our local health department we will be using extra precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We ask that the following precautions please be followed in order to ensure the safety of our players, coaches, spectators. And officials.
- If a person is 5 years or older, he or she will be required to a face mask according to city ordinance No. 3340 set by the city of McPherson's Commissioners.
  - Please be respectful of staff that are going around disinfecting equipment, restrooms, etc.
  - Refrain from gathering in large groups before and after games at the field your child is playing on.
  - Hand sanitizer will be provided at each field for coaches and players to utilize.
  - If a child is sick, please DO NOT bring them to a game or practice, we will see them when they are feeling better!
  - Sportsmanship will be conducted in a touchless manner (i.e. no high-fives, fist bumps, handshakes, etc.)

***NFHS rules will be used with the exceptions listed above.***

***KRPA guidelines are being followed in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.***