

# Kettering Pee Wee Soccer Rules

FIFA Soccer Laws used except for the following:

## MOST IMPORTANT RULE:

- The players that are signed up for Kettering Pee Wee Soccer are here to learn and experience soccer in a fun, safe, and positive manner!

## Administrative

- NO additional fees may be collected by coaches to cover cost of custom uniforms, awards, food, drink, etc.

## Equipment:

- All players must wear shin guards during practice and games.
- Players must wear rubber cleats or gym/close-toed shoes.
- **No jewelry of any kind.** Ear rings, necklaces, bracelets, watches and any other jewelry must be removed before playing. Children will not be permitted on the field until the jewelry is removed. Tape over ear rings is not acceptable.
- We will use a #3 size ball for the 4/5 and 6/7 divisions, and a #4 size ball in the 8/9 division.

## Game Play:

- Each game will consist of four, 8-minute quarters with a running clock. There will be a 1-min break between quarters, and halftime will be 3-minutes
- Switching sides: It will be at the discretion of the coaches if you'd like to switch sides between quarters. If one coach would like to, then we will change sides each quarter.
- 4/5 age divisions may have 2 coaches/parents on the field during the game to help direct players (preferably one on the offensive end and one on the defensive end)
- 6/7 age division may have 1 coach/parent on the field during the game to help direct players
- 8/9 age division will not have coaches/parents on the field during the game, but will instead coach from the sideline

## Substitutions:

- Substitutions will only be allowed on throw-ins, goal kicks (not corner kicks), and injuries.
- Teams may sub *without* possession of the ball on throw-ins or kicks
- Players checking in should kneel at midfield on the sideline and wait for the referee's whistle/signal to sub on.
- Players will be directed to sub in by coach for 4/5 age group

## Corner/Goal Kicks:

- Corner kicks will be given when the ball last touches a defensive player before going out of bounds on the end line, the offensive team receives a direct kick from the corner of the field next to the goal, aka corner kick
- Goal kicks will be awarded to the defensive team when the ball last touches an offensive player before going out of bounds on the end line
  - o When goal kicks are awarded, the offensive players on that side of the field need to be behind the "Break Out" lines. Once the ball is kicked it is live and players may cross the break out line again
    - "Break Out" line is the dashed line on either side of the field that separates the field into thirds

## Throw Ins:

- Any time the ball touches a player and crosses the sideline, a throw-in by the opposing team will restart play.
- A correct throw uses both hands on the ball and travels over the head, while both feet remain touching the ground for the entirety of the throw. Throwers are behind the sideline and cannot step onto the field.
- The ball cannot be thrown directly into the goal without another player touching it first
- 4/5 and 6/7 age groups will be instructed by the referee/coaches to redo a throw if it is done improperly; an improper throw will result in the other team getting the throw-in at the 8/9 age division

#### Fouls:

- Fouls will be called at the referee's discretion and the infringed player will have a direct kick (no indirect kicks)
- NO intentional heading of the ball. "Intentional" is determined by the referee. An intentional header will result in a free kick.
- Standard rules for Penalty Shots apply for the 8/9 Division, fouls for the 4/5 and 6/7 age groups are as follows:
  - o Ages 4/5 and 6/7 Only: In the event a foul or infraction by the defending team occurs inside their own 6 yard box (goalie area), a free kick will be awarded to the offensive team. The ball will be placed at the top of the 6 yard box, centered with the goal. All players will stand outside the 6 yard box besides the goalie. The ball is live once kicked.
- Continued rough play can result in that player receiving a yellow card and sitting out immediately. Further violations can result in a red card and the child will be unable to continue the game
- NO SLIDE TACKLING IS ALLOWED!
- The goalkeeper may not be charged and possession is considered to be the goalie's if at least one hand is on the ball and the ball has come to a complete stop as a result (goalie bobbling the ball does not equal possession)

#### Number of Players/Positions:

- **The 4-5 Division will play with 3 offensive players and 2 defensive players (5 total – NO goalie)**
  - o Players should rarely cross midfield but instead stay on their half of the field
- **The 6-7 Divisions will play with 3 offensive players and 2 defensive players and a Goalie (6 total)**
  - o Players should rarely cross midfield but instead stay on their half of the field
- **The 8-9 Divisions will play with 6 field players and a Goalie (7 total)**

#### Offsides:

- The 8-9 divisions will be playing with a modified version of offsides. On either side of the field, on the last 1/3 of the field there are dashed lines (referred to as "Break-out Lines") that run across the field, offsides will only apply in the final third of the field.
- The 4-5 and 6-7 age divisions will not have an offsides penalty, but coaches should not use or encourage "cherry-picking" tactics

#### Kickoffs:

- Players will line up on their own side of the field for the kickoff
  - o Team without the ball must stand outside the center circle for the kickoff
- The first touch of the kickoff can be a backwards pass if desired
- The first player to touch the ball on a kickoff cannot be the next player to touch the ball (no dribbling from kickoff)

#### Weather:

- We will cancel if the fields conditions are not in safe or if there is thunder/lightening. Rain does not automatically mean practices or games are canceled.
- Please do NOT cancel practice on your own. We will make the call by 3 pm for practices and as soon as we can on game days (Saturdays).
  - o **Please call the front desk at: 937-296-2587 or visit our site for field condition updates, <https://www.playkettering.org/youth-sports/> and <https://www.playkettering.org/athletic-field-conditions/>**