

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 may wear rubber cleats or gym shoes.
- **No jewelry of any kind. Ear rings, necklaces, bracelets, and any other jewelry must be removed before playing. Children will not be permitted on the field until the jewelry is removed.**
- 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-mins
- **4/5 and 6/7 age divisions may have 1 coach/parent on the field during the game to help direct players**
- **Substitutions will only be allowed on throw-ins/kick-ins, goal kicks, and injuries. Players checking in should stand at midfield on the sideline and wait for the referee's whistle/signal to sub on.**

Corner/Goal Kicks:

- In the 4/5 age division, a ball kicked past the end line will result in the following:
 - o **If last touched by a defensive player, the opposite team will throw in from the nearest corner.**
 - o **If last touched by an offensive player, the opposite team will throw in from midfield.**
- Corner kicks will be given in the 6/7 and 8/9 year old division (if a defensive player kicks the ball past their end line, the offensive team receives a direct kick from the corner of the field next to the goal, aka corner kick)

Throw Ins:

- Any time the ball crosses the sideline a throw-in by the opposing team will restart play.
- A correct throw uses both hands on the ball from behind the head, both feet on the ground behind the sideline and becomes in play as soon as the ball crosses the sideline.
- The ball must touch another player first and cannot be thrown directly in goal.
- 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.**
- NO penalty shots
- Continued rough play will result in that player sitting out immediately. **NO SLIDE TACKLING IS ALLOWED!**
- The goalkeeper may not be charged and "Hands On Ball" Is Possession.

Number of Players/Positions:

- **The 4-5 Division will play with 3 offensive players and 2 defensive players (5 total – NO goalie)**
- **The 6-7 Divisions will play with 3 offensive players and 2 defensive players and a Goalie (6 total)**
- **The 8-9 Divisions will play with 3 offensive players, 2 defensive players and a Goalie (6 total)**
- Players should rarely cross midfield but instead stay on their half of the field.
- There will be no offside penalties, but coaches should keep their players separated on the Offensive and Defensive sides of the field
- **Kickoffs**
 - o Players will line up on their own side of the field (the side with their team's goalie) for the kickoff
 - Team without the ball must stand outside the center circle for the kickoff
 - o The first touch of the kickoff can be a backwards pass
 - o The player who touches the ball first on a kickoff may stand on the opponent's side of the field for the kick (done when passing backwards)

- The first player to touch the ball on a kickoff, cannot be the next player to touch the ball
- After kickoff, encourage team to fall into their offensive and defensive assignments

Weather:

- We will cancel if the fields are not in safe condition 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 4 pm for practices and as soon as we can on game days (Saturdays).
 - **Please call the front desk at: 296-2587 or visit our site for updates, <https://www.playkettering.org/youth-sports/>**

