



## Putnam County Parks & Recreation Soccer Rules

**All Officials & Coaches should be aware of all rules. Please call us with any questions.**

### **RULES OF PLAY**

Putnam County Parks & Recreation will utilize all FIFA/USYSA rules.

All players must wear shin guards to play (Shin guards must be worn under socks). Uniform shirts must be tucked in. Uniform shorts must cover all lower undergarments. No jewelry shall be worn in games unless in medical cases.

### **7-8 Year olds**

Play will be 7 v 7 (Including goal keepers)

Field Size - 30 yd. X 55 yd.

Goal area - 8 yd. X 8 yd.

Goal size – 6ft by 18ft

Time length - two 25 minute halves, with 5 minute halftime

Offsides will be called by referee

Size 4 ball

Free substitution (dead ball – must make referee aware)

Throw-ins are required

No Slide tackling of any kind

If the game ends in a tie – teams will take 3 alternating kicks on the goal from the penalty line. If still tied, the procedure continues until one team has scored one more than the other team.

**ALL PLAYERS MUST PLAY AT LEAST ½ OF EACH GAME REGARDLESS OF PRACTICE ATTENDANCE**

### **SUSPENSIONS**

Putnam County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to suspend any player or fan that does not adhere to the rules of play.

Putnam County Parks & Recreation staff further reserves the rights to change, amend, or add to the suspensions listed. During a suspension, a player may not participate in any leagues offered by Putnam County Parks & Recreation. One week suspension starts the day after the game that the player committed the offense in (the game the player was thrown out of).

## **BEHAVIOR THAT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**

1. Persistent arguing with the referee
2. Serious Foul Play: Hard Foul, Boarding, Spitting, etc.
3. Violent Conduct: Slapping, Head-butt, Choking, Kicking, etc
4. Fighting: Fist Fight, Wrestling, etc...
5. Verbal Abuse: Any foul or abusive language
6. Verbal or physical threats
7. Name Calling

## **DISCIPLINE**

1. All team managers are in charge of the team and players conduct during the season. The Recreation staff reserves the right to disqualify a team from further competition.
2. Any player who is ejected from a game (Red Carded) will receive an automatic one-game suspension for the next game (further game suspensions will be given based on the offense and by the recreation staff). If a player is ejected from a second game he/she will receive a three game minimum suspension (if the two suspensions add up to more than five (5) games then the player is out for the season). If a player receives a third ejection he/she will be disqualified from the league.
3. Any player initiating a fight will be disqualified from the league.
4. Retaliating players will receive at least a two-game suspension.
5. The Recreation Department reserves the right to discipline participants including suspending a participant from future play in County athletics depending on the severity of the infraction.

**We appreciate all that you are doing for your team members. Let's help to teach each of them the values of good sportsmanship. Team/ individuals that are found to be in violation of this rule will be suspended (2) Games.**

**Please also remind your parents that you are their contact person on the field during and after games. If a problem regarding any of the above arises, please have them come to you FIRST. All contact with the referee's should be through you in a constructive manner.**