



**LEAGUE RULES FOR OUTDOOR REC SOCCER**  
**FRESHMAN DIVISION (PRE-K/K)**  
**Single sided games**  
**BALL: SIZE 3**

**GAME LOGISTICS:** The game is played in four 10-minute quarters. After the second quarter, there is a five minute intermission and the teams can switch ends of the field. Scores reset to 0-0 at the halfway point of the game.

**COACHES** will be allowed on the field during the game for this division **ONLY**.

As all of you know, freshman division is all about teaching the kids the basics of soccer. The focus is to have fun and get the kids prepared to move up to sophomore division. Having a coach on the field will help make sure the kids play and understand their positions.

Having a coach on the field is not a requirement. If you choose to stay on the sideline, that is fine. Not every team will need to have a coach on the field at all times. It's within your discretion to be out there. Consider it a teaching tool and use it when you need to.

If you have a coach on the field there are some basic rules.

1. Each team may only have one coach on the field at a time.
2. Do not interrupt play. Try to stay out of the balls way while giving direction.
3. If you are the coach on the field, do not argue calls with the referee.
4. Be considerate of the other teams players.

Both coaches do not have to agree before the game to use this. Any coach at any time can decide to use this tool.

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS:** Each team will play 4 in the field and 1 goalie. If a team is short players, the opposing team must play the same amount of players on the field. This modification will allow the game to fairly be played. If there is a great difference in players, a team may lend some players to the deficient side for the game to be played, while distinguishing one team by wearing pennies.

**GOALIES:** Because they are just learning the game, there is a small no-entry semi circle in front of each goal, where only the goalie can stand. Please advise players they are not to step in the no-entry zone for the game. The most important function of the Bobcats Minutes division is for the players to enjoy the game of soccer. Teach the players to play defense by placing themselves in a defensive position. The player needs to move forward as the ball moves forward and back as the ball moves back.



**GOAL KICK:** When the ball crosses the end boundary of the marked field by the offensive team, the ball is awarded to the defensive team at the midpoint of the boundary line, between the goal and the corner of the field.

**SLAUGHTER RULE:** When a squad has a four-goal advantage, the team behind in the score may add a player and play 5 V 4. When a squad has a seven-goal advantage, the leading team must remove a player and play 5 V 3. The purpose of this is not to penalize the better squad, but to give the weaker squad a chance to score. The player can be added back once the score difference is 6 and the added player removed when the goal difference falls to 3. **If this occurs during the first half, the teams go back to 4 V 4 for the start of the second half and start with a level score of 0-0.**