JTAA Recreation Soccer Rules and Regulations - SPRING 2024

| AGE GROUP | U6 | U8 | U10 | U12 | U14 | High School |
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| Ball Size | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Formation | 5v5 | 7v7 | 7v7 | 9 v 9 | 9 v 9 | 9v9 |
| Coaches/Players <br> \& Specdators | Coaches/Players opposite spectators. Coaches permitted to step on field | Coaches/Players between 18yd boxes opposite spectators. No coaches on the field | Coaches/Players between 18yd boxes opposite spectators. No coaches on the field | Coaches/Players between 18yd boxes opposite spectators. No coaches on the field | Coaches/Players between 18yd boxes opposite spectators. No coaches on the field | Coaches/Players between 18yd boxes opposite spectators. No coaches on the field |
| Goalkeepers | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Playing Time/ Player | All players should play equal time | All players should play equal time | All players should play equal time | All players should play equal time | All players should play equal time | All players should play equal time |
| Substitutions | Unlimited substitutions during any stoppage of play. | Unlimited substitutions during any stoppage of play. | Unlimited substitutions during any stoppage of play. | Referee stoppages, yellow/red cards, throwins, goal kicks, and for injury. All substitutions w/permision of referee. | Referee stoppages, yellow/red cards, throw-ins, goal kicks, and for injury. All substitutions w/permision of referee. | Referee stoppages, yellow/red cards, throw-ins, goal kicks, and for injury. All substitutions w/permision of referee. |


| Game <br> Time/Breaks (Minutes) | $4 \times 8$ (2 minutes between quarters, 5 minute Halftime) | $4 \times 12$ ( 2 minutes between quarters, 5 minute Halftime) | $2 \times 25$ ( 2 minutes between quarters, 5 minute Halftime) | $2 \times 30$ ( 2 minutes between quarters, 5 minute Halftime) | $2 \times 30$ ( 2 minutes between quarters, 5 minute Halftime) | $2 \times 35$ ( 2 minutes between quarters, 5 minute Halftime) |
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| Offside | No | Yes, FIFA Rules apply | Yes, FIFA Rules apply | Yes, FIFA Rules apply | Yes, FIFA Rules apply | Yes, FIFA Rules apply |
| Fouls | Coach/Referee explanation to offending player/Coach used as a teaching moment. | Coach/Referee explanation to offending player/Coach used as a teaching moment. Goalkeeper cannot punt ball into opposition box. Infraction penalized by indirect free kick at midfield. | FIFA Rules apply. Exception: Goalkeeper cannot punt ball into opposition box. Infraction penalized by indirect free kick at midfield. | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply |
| Free Kicks | All free kicks are indirect with opponents 4 yards from spot of the ball. | FIFA rules with opponents 8 yards from the ball. | FIFA rules with opponents 8 yards from the ball. | FIFA rules with opponents 8 yards from the ball. | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply |
| Throw Ins | No throw ins. Indirect "Kick ins" used instead. | Throw ins are used and may be retaken once as a learning moment, then possession to opposing team. | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply |
| Referee Carding | No (see "Fouls" above) | No (see "Fouls" above) | Cards are issued to players and coaches with explanation of infringement to offender. | Cards are issued to players and coaches with explanation of infringement to offender. | Cards are issued to players and coaches with explanation of infringement to offender. | Cards are issued to players and coaches with explanation of infringement to offender. |
| Penalty Kicks | No | FIFA Rules apply, kick to be taken from 8 yards from goal. | FIFA Rules apply, kick to be taken from 8 yards from goal. | FIFA Rules apply, kick to be taken from 10 yards from goal. | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply |


| Goal Kicks | 2-3 yards off goal line, anywhere along goal line. | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply |
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| Corner Kicks | Yes, within 1 yard from corner flag. | FIFA Rules apply with opposition 8 yards from the ball. | FIFA Rules apply with opposition 8 yards from the ball. | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply | FIFA Rules apply |
| Heading | No. Indirect free kick given for intentional header | No. Indirect free kick given for intentional header | No. Indirect free kick given for intentional header. | No. Indirect free kick for intentional header | Yes unless in the event of a U12/U14 combined division in which case No | Yes |
| Slide Tackling | No. Indirect free kick given for infraction. | No. Indirect free kick given for infraction. | No. Indirect free kick given for infraction. | No. Indirect free kick given for infraction. | No. Indirect free kick given for infraction. | No. Indirect free kick given for infraction. |
| Shots on Goal | Goals awarded from shots occuring in attacking half of field. | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Referee <br> Assignments | No Referee. Coaches will supervise game for safety. "Do overs" should be used as teaching moments. Coaches can either rotate or monitor at same time. | Grade 8 or higher center referee will officiate game. Refreree is sole judge on the field with complete authority over game, coahces and spectators. All referee decisions are final. | Grade 8 or higher center referee will officiate game. Refreree is sole judge on the field with complete authority over game, coahces and spectators. All referee decisions are final. | Grade 8 or higher center referee with 2 assistant referees. Refreree is sole judge on the field with complete authority over game, coahces and spectators. All referee decisions are final. | Grade 8 or higher center referee with 2 assistant referees. Refreree is sole judge on the field with complete authority over game, coahces and spectators. All referee decisions are final. | Grade 8 or higher center referee with 2 assistant referees. Refreree is sole judge on the field with complete authority over game, coahces and spectators. All referee decisions are final. |


| Playoffs | N/A | N/A | Every team makes playoffs. Opponents based off standings. 1st plays 8 th etc. To determine standings, teams get 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss. In the event of two or more teams with equal points, head to head result will be the next determining factor. If head to head results (not scores) are equal, goal difference will be the third determining factor. Only goals up to $+/-4$ will be counted - for example, if a team wins 8-1 that result will be classified as 5-1 when factoring goal difference. | Every team makes playoffs. Opponents based off standings. 1st plays 8th etc. To determine standings, teams get 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss. In the event of two or more teams with equal points, head to head result will be the next determining factor. If head to head results (not scores) are equal, goal difference will be the third determining factor. Only goals up to $+/-4$ will be counted - for example, if a team wins 8-1 that result will be classified as 5-1 when factoring goal difference. | Every team makes playoffs. Opponents based off standings. 1st plays 8th etc. To determine standings, teams get 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss. In the event of two or more teams with equal points, head to head result will be the next determining factor. If head to head results (not scores) are equal, goal difference will be the third determining factor. Only goals up to $+/-4$ will be counted - for example, if a team wins 8-1 that result will be classified as 5-1 when factoring goal difference. | Every team makes playoffs. Opponents based off standings. 1st plays 8th etc. To determine standings, teams get 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss. In the event of two or more teams with equal points, head to head result will be the next determining factor. If head to head results (not scores) are equal, goal difference will be the third determining factor. Only goals up to +/- 4 will be counted - for example, if a team wins 8-1 that result will be classified as $5-1$ when factoring goal difference. |
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