

**Kittitas Valley Junior Soccer Association
Rules of Play Fall 2011**

General Rules for all age groups:

- Goalkeeper Possession—Once the Goalkeeper has a hand on the ball it is considered possession. An opposing player trying to kick the ball is a violation and an indirect free kick will be awarded.
- Accidental contact with the Goalkeeper will result in an indirect free kick.
- **Slide Tackling is not permitted.**
- No formal score or team standings are recorded.
- Corner kicks are in use.
- Substitutions are made on any dead ball at the discretion of the Referee.
- The coach must inform the referee when a goalkeeper substitution is being made.
- The goalkeeper may not pick up a ball that is passed by a teammate. If this happens, an indirect kick is awarded and ball is placed outside the penalty area. It is not a penalty kick.
- Any rule not listed here defaults to the “Washington Youth Soccer” and “FIFA Rules”

Age Group Specific Rules:

Coed U-6

- 15 min Games...two games will be played each Saturday
- 3 on 3
- No Goalkeeper...use of Pugg pop up goals...
- Size 3 ball
- **A goal cannot be scored on a kickoff...kickoffs must be played forward.**
- Throw ins from the sideline...two feet on the ground, retry if this is violated. If the second try is also in violation, “play on”.
- Goal kicks are taken from the end line...Coaches should allow the opposition to successfully complete the goal kick to a teammate before allowing their players to steal the ball.
- All Free Kicks are **Indirect**, which means a goal cannot be scored directly from the free kick.
- No referees...Coaches will administer the game...coaches can / should be on the field with a whistle
- No Offside rule in effect

Boys & Girls U-8

- Two 25 min halves and a 5 minute halftime will constitute a game
- 4 on 4 (the four includes 1 goalkeeper)
- Goalkeeper must throw the ball once it is in their hands. No drop kicks or punts.
- Size 3 Ball
- Throw ins from the sideline...two feet on the ground, retry if this is violated. If the second try is also in violation, “play on”.
- Goal kicks are taken from the penalty area line
- All Free Kicks are **Indirect**
- Referees will be assigned to these games when possible...Coaches should be prepared to administer the game.
- No Offside rule in effect

Boys U-10

- Two 25 min halves and a 5 minute halftime will constitute a game
- 6 on 6 (the six includes 1 goalkeeper)
- Goalkeeper can not drop kick the ball, must throw the ball.
- Size 4 Ball
- Throw ins from the sideline...two feet on the ground. If this is violated, the other team gets the throw-in. Retry will be allowed on Jamboree Day only.
- Goal kicks are taken from the penalty area line
- All Free Kicks are **Indirect**
- Referees will be assigned to these games
- The Offside rule is in effect

Girls U-10

- Two 25 min halves and a 5 minute halftime will constitute a game
- 9 on 9 (the nine includes 1 goalkeeper)
- **The difference in players on the field between the Boys & Girls U-10 leagues is based upon the larger number of players on the Girls' rosters.**
- Goalkeeper can drop kick the ball
- Size 4 Ball
- Throw ins from the sideline...two feet on the ground. If this is violated, the other team gets the throw-in. Retry will be allowed on Jamboree Day only.
- Goal kicks are taken from the penalty area line
- All Free Kicks are **Indirect**
- Referees will be assigned to these games
- The Offside rule is in effect

Girls U-12

- Two 30 min halves and a 5 minute halftime will constitute a game
- 9 on 9 (the nine include a goalkeeper)
- Goalkeeper can kick or throw the ball.
- Size 4 Ball
- Throw in violation results in the other team being awarded a throw-in
- Penalty Kicks are in effect
- Both Direct and Indirect Kicks are called
- Referees and Assistant Referees will be assigned to these games
- The Offside rule is in effect

Boys U-14

- Two 30 min halves and a 5 minute halftime will constitute a game
- 11 on 11 (the eleven include a goalkeeper)
- Goalkeeper can kick or throw the ball.
- Size 4 Ball
- Throw in violation results in the other team being awarded a throw-in
- Penalty Kicks are in effect

- Both Direct and Indirect Kicks are called
- Referees and Assistant Referees will be assigned to these games
- The Offside rule is in effect

Girls *U-14*

- Two 25 min halves and a 5 minute halftime will constitute a game
- 5 on 5 (the five includes 1 goalkeeper)
- Goalkeeper cannot drop kick the ball, must throw the ball.
- Size 5 Ball
- Throw in violation results in the other team being awarded a throw-in
- No Penalty Kicks
- Both Direct and Indirect Kicks are called
- Referees will be assigned to these games
- The Offside rule is not in effect, but “cherry-picking” may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct