

Wahoo Parks and Recreation Department  
**YOUTH SOCCER RULES**

- 1) Pre-K & K League games and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade League games will be 6 vs 6. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade League games will be 7 vs. 7. This may be adjusted due to roster sizes or at coaches' request prior to game.
- 2) "Borrowing" players from other teams is allowed if necessary (not enough players to start the game) and is approved by the soccer official. In most cases we encourage "borrowing" players from your opponent.
- 3) Games will consist of two, 12-minute halves with a running clock. For 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade games, the clock will stop during the last 30 seconds of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. There will be a 5-minute half time. Each team is allowed one, 1-minute time out per half.
- 4) No game scores or league standings will be kept.
- 5) Field dimensions will be approximately 180' x 90' or 170' x 80'.
- 6) "Headers" are not allowed
- 7) All players are required to wear shin guards during the game.
- 8) Tennis shoes or soccer cleats only (no softball/baseball cleats).
- 9) In most cases, regulation soccer rules will be used.
- 10) Substitutions are allowed for "throw ins" (see throw-in rules below).
- 11) If the ball goes out of bounds on the sideline, it is a throw in from the spot where it went out.
- 12) If the ball goes out of the end zone by an offensive player, it is a goal kick for the defense.
- 13) If the ball goes out of the end zone by a defensive player, it is a corner kick for the offense.
- 14) A soccer official will be provided for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade leagues. Due to the nature of the Pre-K & K program, coaches may be asked to officiate.
- 15) Pre-K & K and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Leagues: Coaches are allowed on the field of play and are responsible for keeping clock.
- 16) Pre-K & K and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Leagues: No goalies (players may be in the goalie box area but are not to be based from the goalie box area).
- 17) Pre-K & K League will use a Size 3 ball. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will use a Size 4 ball. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade will use a Size 5 ball.