



School Summer FOOTY 2024

Grades 5&6, 7&8, 9/10/11/12 &13

Rules

ALL FIFA RULES APPLY, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS OR MODIFICATIONS.

1. **A)** Teams will consist of 7 players, with a limit of 10 members per squad.
B) A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than 4 players.
C) Defaulted games will result in a 3-0 loss for the defaulting team.
D) If both teams default the match will be recorded as a 0-0 draw. No points will be awarded to either team.
C) If a player plays for one team he or she is not eligible to play for another team in the same Age group.
2. **a)** Substitutions can occur at any time and are unlimited. Roll on – roll off subs.
b) Substitutes must enter from halfway and can only enter the field once the substitute player has left the field, also at halfway.
c) Referee must be notified of any substitution.
A free-kick from the halfway line will be awarded against any team not complying with the substitution rule.
3. Games shall start and finish at the blast of the hooter. Games shall be 10 minutes each half. Therefore, games shall be 20 minutes in total with **immediate turn around.**
4. Each team will play 2 games per day, managers will be responsible for finding out where games are taking place and for getting teams to the start of the games on time.
5. All players shall wear suitable footwear. No screw-in or metal studs will be allowed. Moulded soles are acceptable. Shin pads are compulsory.
6. Games include corners.
7. No slide-tackles shall be permitted. If committed, a direct free-kick shall be awarded from where the tackle took place.
8. Any player or players are allowed within the goal box.
9. A ball leaving the goal box at any time cannot go over halfway without touching the ground or a player. A free kick is awarded on the halfway line to the opposing team. This applies to goal kicks, throws (GK) and passes back.
10. No offside rule

11. When the ball goes over the side-line play shall be restarted with a kick-in. This is a push pass, one foot by the ball the other foot “pushes” the ball into play. The ball must be played along the ground. A goal cannot be scored direct from a kick-in.
12. For all restarts of play (kick off, free kick, kick-in, goal-kick, corner etc) opponents must stand a minimum of 4 meters from where the kick is being taken.
13. **Retreating Line. ONLY FOR LEAGUE 5&6:** When a team’s GK catches/picks up the ball or is taking a goal-kick, or any player is taking a free-kick, the attacking players must drop behind the retreating line. Only after a second player of the same team has touched the ball, can the attacking players advance over the retreating line. The referee will award an indirect free kick on the retreating line if an attacking player doesn’t follow the rule.
14. Yellow card /sin-bin - If a player is sin-binned, they must wait behind their own goal. A sin-bin offence is the equivalent of a yellow card. This includes indecent or unsporting behaviour and persistent time wasting. Sin-bin duration will be 3 minutes. During this time the sin-binned player’s team will be down by 1 player. (Players in the sin-bin can’t be subbed.)
15. Red card/ Sending off - This will result in a minimum of a one week ban and further action may be taken by the disciplinary committee. *Red card offences include:* serious foul play, striking or attempting to strike an opponent/referee, spitting at an opponent/referee, foul or abusive language or receiving a second caution (yellow card.)
16. A penalty kick is awarded against a team that commits an offence for which a direct free kick is awarded, inside its own penalty area and while the ball is in play. Penalty kick will be taking 7 feet from the goal line.
17. Managers will be responsible for the behaviour of players, parents & supporters. Any side line behaviour which needs to be addressed will be brought to the attention of the team manager by the referee. If the behaviour is not addressed the referee will terminate the game and the case will be studied by the club’s disciplinary committee.
18. Referees and managers are there to work together and ensure kids learn and follow the basic rules of the game, so please support the work of the referee.
19. **Our Positive side-line policy** will be used during the season and we will encourage everyone to practice it, any coach, parent not following this practice will be asked to do it. **If no changes are made in behaviour, a disciplinary sanction for the team will be considered.**
20. The club’s disciplinary committee reserves the right to expel any player or team from the competition without refund.

At HBCAFC we do not tolerate side-line abuse directed at referees or anyone else!