

# 2014 JOHNSON CITY PARKS & RECREATION 2014 YOUTH SOCCER

**RULES/REGULATIONS:      Current FIFA rules apply with the following modifications:**

**1.**

**DIVISIONS:**

Instructional	Ages 3-4-5	10 Minute Mini Games	3 vs 3
Rookie Girls	Ages 6-7	4 twelve minute quarters *	9 vs 9
Rookie Boys	Ages 6-7	4 twelve minute quarters *	9 vs 9
Memorial Boys	Ages 8-9	4 twelve minute quarters*	9 vs 9
Memorial Girls	Ages 8-9	4 twelve minute quarters*	9 vs 9
Juan Chiu Boys And Girls	Ages 10-11	2 Thirty Minute Halves	11 vs 11
Continental Boys And Girls	Ages 12-13	2 Thirty Minute Halves	11 vs 11
Junior Boys and Girls	Ages 14-15	2 Twenty five minute Halves	6 vs 6

\* There will be a one-minute break between quarters. Substitutions may also be made during this time. Teams will alternate kickoffs to begin each quarter.

**2.**

**FIELD/BALL SIZE:**

<u>League</u>	<u>Approximate Field Size</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
Instructional	30 X 20	Size 3
Rookie	80x40	Size 4
Memorial	80x40	Size 4
Juan Chiu	100x50	Size 5
Continental	100x50	Size 5
Junior	80x40	Size 5

**3.**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. The age cutoff date is the age as of August 15, 2014.
- B. New players may be added to your roster until the end of the first week of league play. After this, only new residents may be added with approval from the Athletic Office.
- C. Players must play for their City School team or for the City School in the district they reside. Players not attending a City School will be placed by the Athletic Staff.
- D. A child may play for only one recreation team.
- E. Younger players may play in older age groups, however; older players may not play in younger age groups without the express written permission from the Athletic Division.
- F. Any transfer players must be approved by the Athletic Office before being eligible to participate with any other team.

**4.**

**PLAYER PLACEMENT:**

- A. If a school has more than one team in a given age group; it is the decision of the athletic department as to the placement of the players. Players may play for the team that they played for the previous season.
- B. The Recreation Department reserves the right to re-organize teams.
- C. Any special request should be submitted to the Athletic Office in writing.

**5.**

**COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. Check every child's age-grade-and school.
- B. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, assistants, and spectators, and may be penalized for their conduct.
- C. Coaches are responsible for submitting the team roster, registration forms, prior to the first league game.
- D. The coach is responsible for playing every player in each game. We recommend that playing time be divided as equal as possible. If a player is not played; the coach must notify the official of the player's name and the reason that he/she is not participating.
- E. If a protest is filed concerning age eligibility; the player must provide a copy of his/her birth certificate upon request from the Athletic Staff.

**6.**

**HALF-TIME:**

- A. Each game will have a five (5) minute half-time period.

**7.**

**GOALKEEPERS:**

- A. With the safety of the children first and foremost; the Recreation Department has adopted the following rule concerning Goalie safety: Any contact made with the Goalkeeper while the ball is in his/her possession will result in: Unintentional - Yellow Card / Intentional – Red Card. This is the Referee's decision.
- B. A goalkeeper may be substituted for at any time with the consent of the Referee.
- C. Goalies must wear a different color jersey than that of both teams.
- D. Once the Goalie has possession of the ball (determined by the Referee), he/she must put the ball back into play within 10 seconds.
- E. A Goal Kick may be taken from anywhere within the Goal Area.
- F. When a Goalie substitution is taking place; the Keeper coming off the field should go to the sidelines if assistance is needed in changing jerseys.
- G. Any Free Kick awarded to the defending team within their Goal Area may be taken from any point within the Goal Area.
- H. If a player deliberately kicks the ball to his/her own Keeper; the Keeper is not allowed to touch the ball with their hands. The penalty is an Indirect Free Kick from where the Keeper touched the ball. If this happens in the Goal Area; it is to be taken from the top of the Goal Area line. Please note that this refers to the Keeper playing the ball with their hands only. A deflection is allowed if, in the opinion of the Referee, it was not intentional. Kicks to the side of the Goal (not directly to the Keeper) will result in an Indirect Free Kick if the Keeper uses their hands.

**8. UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT:**

- A. Steel or metal cleats are not allowed.
- B. Shirts of similar color with a number must be worn.
- C. No jewelry may be worn during games.
- D. Shin-guards are strongly recommended.
- E. The Referee's decision is final regarding equipment, uniforms, and equipment safety.

**9. PROTESTS/SUSPENSIONS:**

- A. A Referee's judgment cannot be protested.
- B. Only eligibility and rule interpretations will be considered. A protest that concerns a rule interpretation must be filed with the Referee at the point in question. A written protest must be submitted to the Athletic Office. Results will be given the following day when possible.
- C. Any coaches, assistants, players, or parents guilty of misconduct will be subject to suspension from the league.
- D. If a team is guilty of playing ineligible players; the player(s) will be suspended and the team will lose the game(s) in which he/she played.

**10. FORFEITS:**

- A. Each team must field 7 players in the 9v9 leagues in order to begin play. Each team must field 9 players in the 11v11 league in order to begin play. Each team must field 4 players in the 6 v 6 league in order to begin play. The Referee is the only person who can forfeit a game. Teams are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes early and to be ready to play at game-time or immediately following the conclusion of the preceding game. If a needed player arrives while playing short-handed, the player must enter the game during a substitution.

**11. OFFICIALS:**

- A. Referees are scheduled by the Parks & Recreation Athletic Office. In the event only one Referee is present; he/she may appoint someone to assist or ask each team to provide a linesman.
- B. The Referee is the only official timekeeper.
- C. It is his/her sole decision as to terminating or postponing a game due to weather or other causes.

**12. RAINOUTS:**

- A. All games stopped due to the weather will be resumed with the time and score, if applicable, remaining the same as when it was stopped.
- B. If rain occurs prior to the first game; call the Athletic Office (283-5822) at the Winged Deer Park Tower after 3pm on weekdays and after 8am on Saturdays for game information updates. If you do not receive an answer; the team should report to the field where the Referee will make the decision. Once a game is called due to the weather, all games following that game will be canceled for that day on that field.

**13. SCHEDULING:**

- A. All coaches are urged to list/submit dates and times that their team may have conflicts by the announced date. There is no guarantee that all requests can be granted. See Operations Manual for Scheduling Policy.

**14. SUBSTITUTIONS:**

- A. The following substitution procedure will be in effect for all leagues: Prior to a Throw-in in your favor – Prior to a Goal-Kick - After a Goal by either team and after an injury by either team. All substitutions are with the consent of the Referee. All substitutes must enter the field at the halfway line.

**15. PARENT COMMITTEE:**

- A. The Recreation Department recommends that each team have a parent's committee consisting of 3 parents to assist with their team. Such help could be with obtaining schedule information, refreshments, and serving as coach or assistant coach in their absence.

**16. CAUTIONS/EJECTIONS:**

- A. A player, coach, or assistant who has been ejected must (at the Referee's request) leave the entire Park. Failure to do so when asked may result in forfeiture of the game. Each suspension will also carry a minimum suspension of the next scheduled game played.
- B. A caution does not have to be given prior to an ejection.
- C. A player will be cautioned and shown the Yellow Card if the ball is intentional (in the opinion of the Referee) carried or kicked away by a player at any time during the game.
- D. If a player stands in front of the ball when a Free-Kick is awarded against his/her team; the player will be cautioned and shown the Yellow Card.
- E. Any player encroaching from the defensive wall will be cautioned and shown the Yellow Card.

**17. SLIDE-TACKLING:**

- A. Slide-Tackling is not allowed in Recreation play. The first offense will warrant a yellow card. Any repeated offense will result in that player receiving a red card and removed from the game. This is in the sole discretion of the official.

**18. NEW PLAYERS:**

- A. Any new players must be approved by the Athletic Office before being eligible to participate.

**19. SIDELINE AREAS:**

- A. Coaches are responsible for keeping their team and spectators away from the sidelines and goal areas (recommended 3 feet).
- B. Coaches are allowed to give instruction between the top of each of the Penalty Area lines only. No-one is allowed behind the goals.

**20. PLAYER HARRASSMENT:**

- A. Anyone guilty of harassing players, taunting, or trash-talking will be subject to suspension.

**21. SCOREKEEPING:**

The Johnson City Parks & Recreation Department does not record scores or standings in the 3-4-5 or the 6-7 age groups during regular season play.

**Coaches are reminded that their actions are closely watched by the children  
Let's set a good example for everyone!**

**The Johnson City Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to add-delete-or modify any league rule(s) that are in the best interest of the Recreation leagues. Should a change occur; coaches will be notified as quickly as possible and the change will be listed on the master rules list on file in the Athletic Office.**

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