

City of North Myrtle Beach

Parks and Recreation

2022

Soccer

Rules



GENERAL RULES

1.0 Divisions

1.1 Age divisions are determined by a player's age on September 1, 2022 for the following categories:

- 8 & Under
- 10 & Under
- 13 & Under

1.2 The age groups may be changed to accommodate a lack or over abundance of players in any particular age division.

2.0 Ball Size

<u>Age</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
8 & Under	4
10 & Under	4
13 & Under	4

3.0 Duration of Game

3.1 Game time is START time. All teams should be ready to play at their assigned kick off time.

3.2

8 & Under	Two (2) 20 min. halves
10 & Under	Two (2) 25 min. halves
13 & Under	Two (2) 25 min. halves

3.2 Stoppage of play. The referee shall serve as the official timekeeper. The time will be stopped only for: injury; half time interval; player warnings; ejection of players or coaches; a lost ball or a ball kicked a significant distance from the field of play; temporary suspension of play due to weather conditions. The referee has the right to shorten any match if needed.

4.0 Number of Players & Participation

Teams should have the same numbers of players on the field at all times.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Total # on Roster</u>	<u># on Field</u>	<u>Minimum to start</u>
8 & Under	8 to 12	7	5
10 & Under	8 to 12	8	6
13 & Under	8 to 12	9	7

4.1 **Substitution.** Free substitution allowed at any stoppage of play. All substitutions must be made with the referee's permission.

4.1.1 Substitutions must wait at mid-field to be called onto the field by the referee.

4.2 **All players are required to play one half of each game,** provided that the player is physically fit, not under disciplinary action of the league or coach, and is present at the game.

4.3 **PENALTY FOR PARTICIPATION VIOLATION.** Intentional violation of Rule 4.2 shall be subject to be disciplined by the Parks & Recreation Staff.

4.4 Head coaches, assistant coaches or an adult representing the team must be present with the team during games.

5.0 Uniforms

5.1 The North Myrtle Beach Parks & Recreation Department will provide uniform shirt, shorts and socks. No player shall be allowed to play without the appropriate team uniform shirt.

Goalkeepers must wear a contrasting colored shirt whose color distinguishes them from all other players on the field, except the other goalkeeper.

5.2 **SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PLAYERS AT ALL GAMES AND PRACTICES.** All players are responsible to provide their own shin guards.

6.0 Referees and Linesmen

6.1 The **referee** will keep the official time and is the authority on the playing field. All players and coaches shall abide by his/her decisions.

6.2 **Offsides will not be called in 8 and under**

7.0 Major Fouls/Red card

7.1 When a major foul is committed the result will be a direct free kick from the point of the infraction

7.2 If the foul was committed in the penalty area a penalty kick is awarded

7.3 If the ball is not in play a free kick cannot be awarded.

7.4 The referee may eject without warning a player who commits a particularly dangerous or violent offense.

7.5 The following are definitions of major fouls:

7.5.1 Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent

7.5.2 Striking or attempting to strike an opponent

7.5.3 Goalkeeper deliberately throwing a ball at an opponent

7.5.4 Jumping at or attempting to jump at an opponent

7.5.5 Tripping an opponent

7.5.6 Intentionally handling the ball

7.5.7 Holding or attempting to hold an opponent

7.5.8 Pushing or attempting to push an opponent

7.5.9 Charging an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner

7.5.10 Deliberately charging a goalkeeper

8.0 Minor Fouls/ Yellow card

8.1 When a minor foul is committed the result will be an indirect free kick from the point of the infraction. For all leagues. The following are definitions of minor fouls:

8.1.1 Raising one's foot to the level of an opponent's waist or higher while opponent is nearby.

8.1.2 Lowering one's head to a position at or below the waist while attempting to head the ball in the presence of an oncoming player.

8.1.3 Kicking the ball when the ball is held securely by goalkeeper

8.1.4 Blocking or otherwise interfering with the goalkeeper while they attempt to distribute the ball.

8.1.5 Intentionally obstructing a player when not in a position to be able to play the ball.

8.1.6 A player interposing their body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent and attempting to play the ball (i.e. lying on the ground and attempting to play the ball) while an opponent is within striking distance of the ball.

8.1.7 When a goalkeeper taking more than 6 seconds with the ball in their possession in the box.

8.1.8 When a goalkeeper indulges in time-wasting tactics that would give one team an advantage.

8.1.9 **Deliberate/Intentional heading is not allowed in u8 and u10.**

8.1.10 **All Jewelry must be removed including any hard hair accessories, breakaway necklaces, and rubber bracelets**

8.1.11 **No Slide Tackling Allowed.**

9.0 **Throw-Ins**

- 9.1 Shall be taken within one (1) yard from the point of exit. Or the throw is ruled a foul throw
- 9.2 The player must face the field of play and both feet must remain on the ground behind the touchline. Or the throw is ruled a foul throw
- 9.3 The ball must be thrown in with both hands and be delivered from behind and over the head. Or the throw is ruled a foul throw.
- 9.4 The thrower shall not play the ball unless it has been touched or played by another player.
Penalty, Indirect free kick awarded to the opposing team.
- 9.5 **Penalty for a foul throw**. Opposing team takes possession of throw-in. Exception in the U8 division where a second attempt is allowed.

10.0 **Player, Coach, Spectator Ejections**

- 10.1 Yellow & Red Card Disqualification: Players and coaches must exercise good sportsmanship and abide by the rules of the game. During the course of play a player may be cautioned by the referee for un-sportsmanlike conduct (yellow card), or if they persist, they shall be disqualified (red card), and must leave the playing field. If in the judgment of the referee a player is guilty of a violent play or uses obscene or abusive language, he or she will be disqualified and put on report.
 - 10.1.1 Any disqualification will result in the player not being permitted to play in the next scheduled game.
 - 10.1.2 Any player disqualified two (2) times in a season will not be allowed to play for the remainder of the season.
 - 10.1.3 Any coach disqualified will be subject to further discipline determined by Parks and Recreation Staff.
- 10.2 If an ejected player or coach refuses to leave the field of play, the referee will warn their team that the player or coach has one minute to leave the field or the result will be that teams forfeiture of the game.
- 10.3 Once the game has started, any player ejected by the referee may not be replaced. That team will play shorthanded.
- 10.4 Coaches shall monitor the conduct of spectators with regard to abusive or profane language or interfering with the game.
- 10.5 Spectators shall stand or sit in the designated bleacher area on the opposite side of the field from the teams. Spectators are not allowed in the team bench area.

11.0 **Players & Spectators Seating**

- 11.1 Both teams and coaches shall sit on the same side of the field. Spectators shall sit on the opposite side of the field.
- 11.2 Coaches may position themselves one yard off of the sideline between the mid-field line and the penalty box on their half of the field. No coach or assistant coach is allowed past the mid-field line.

12.0 **Foul Weather Procedure**

- 12.1 Delay the start of a game. The referee at the field of play has the authority to delay the start of the game if weather conditions make play dangerous (severe weather, darkness, potential damage to field).
- 12.2 *Rescheduling Games*. In the event of inclement weather and games are cancelled or postponed, the Parks & Recreation Department will reschedule games if possible. If a game has been rescheduled and it has to be cancelled a second time that game may not be rescheduled again.

The City of North Myrtle Beach reserves the right to change or amend any rules listed as needed. Coaches are expected to follow the rules provided. Rule suggestions from coaches are welcomed and appreciated.