

Pelham Parks and Recreation

WORLD CUP SOCCER Rules of Play – All Divisions

1. **Field of Play:** Will be determined for all divisions by Pelham Parks and Recreation.
2. **Ball Sizes:** Div. I - #3; Div. II - #4; Div. III and above #5.
3. **Playing Time:** Equal play time for all players is expected!!!
4. **Number of Players:** All Divisions will play short field 6 vs 6. (5 players and one goalie.).
5. **Substitutions:** Either team on any division may substitute upon any stoppage of play. Coaches need to remind players not to enter the field until called upon by the official or coach. Coaches should make every effort to make sure that every player receives equal playing time. Goalies and all players must be rotated in and out.
6. **Player Equipment:** Shin guards are mandatory for all players. Cleats are recommended. Uniform shirts and socks are provided by Pelham Parks and Recreation and must not be altered. Goalies may wear their own goalie shirts if they are not the same color as the opposing team. Players should bring their own water.
7. **Duration of Game:** Games will be two 20-minute halves. Clock can be stopped at the discretion of the referees. Referees whistle will signal the end of the game. Players must be ready at scheduled times for games; coaches should have the players at the field 15 minutes prior to the start of each game.
8. **Penalty kicks:** None awarded in all divisions. Indirect kicks awarded for major fouls (tripping, holding, pushing, hitting, etc.). Offending players may be removed from the game.
9. **Goal kicks:** Taken from either circle closest to the goal for all divisions. The ball must go beyond the goalie box (no players from either team other than the goalie and the kicker are allowed in the goalie box until the ball crosses out of the area).
10. **Goal Keeping Rules:** The goal keeper may kick, punt, or throw the ball from inside the goalie box. A goalie may not use his/her hands if the ball is played to him/her from a teammate but they may play it with their feet as a player. Any initial kick, throw or punt may not go beyond the midfield circle. In case of violation the

opposing team will receive an indirect kick where the ball landed. Goal keepers will not be allowed to play beyond mid-field while they are playing the position of goalie. Goal keepers will not be allowed to play the entire game as the goal keeper. Goal keepers must be rotated out like all other players at least once per half.

11. **5-Yard Rule:** For all divisions a minimum of 5-yards distance will be given on all indirect kicks including kick-offs after goals and the start of each half.

12. **Throw-ins:** These must be done over the head.

13. **Respect:** Please respect the coaches, players and referees. Parks and Recreation has a ZERO tolerance policy and poor sportsmanship of any kind from players, coaches and spectators will not be tolerated and may lead to suspension.

Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 635-2721 with any questions.

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