



RDP Game Day Procedures and General Rules for Fall Play

1. Show up to your game 15-20 minutes prior to the start of the game.
2. Meet with both Coaches to discuss any concerns, for example: length of game, substitutions, punting of the ball by goalies, off-sides, and ball must be completely across the line before it is out of bounds, etc.
3. Check that all players are wearing shin guards and are completely covered by their socks.
4. Make sure that none of the players are wearing any jewelry (**regardless if they are newly pierced or not. They must be removed.**) Check to make sure barrettes are flat and not dangerous to the player etc. **No watches or fit-bits, only soft headbands and tie backs for hair)**
5. **Remember there is to be no spectators behind the goal boxes, or the end line.**
6. Spectators, teams and Coaches need to set-up and remain 2 yards from each sideline.
7. Remind all players and spectators that negative comments or suggestions towards any player on either team, any Coach, Referee will not be tolerated and will be reported to the appropriate Club. Keep in mind that Coaches are responsible for their sidelines.
8. **Goal Kicks:**
At U8-U10 the attacking team must be behind the build out line. At U11+ the attacking team must be outside of the penalty area. For all age groups, the defending team may be anywhere including inside the penalty area. As soon as the goal kick is taken (the ball is kicked and moved) it is live. Attacking players may run in and any player from either team may touch the ball. The ball does NOT need to leave the penalty area
9. **U8, U9 U10 and U11** No Intentional heading, indirect free kick if determined to be intentional. **No slide tackling.**

10. **Kick-Off:** A coin is tossed, **the team that wins the toss can now choose to take kick-off or which goal to attack.** Teams will only switch ends at half time of a game.
- a) The ball will be placed at the center of the field by the referee, the ball is in play when is kicked. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player.
11. **Substitutions:** Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee during any stoppage of play. The number of substitutes shall be unlimited.
12. **Charging the Goalkeeper:** No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper, harass the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever. Also, included in "having control of the ball" is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands.
13. **Ball In and Out of Play:** The ball is out of play when is has wholly crossed the goal line or whole touchline, whether it is on the ground or in the air.
14. Game specifics per division for small-sided/modified programs:

Halftime Rest should be no more than 5 minutes

- ❖ If a team cannot field required number of players, the coaches can agree to play with fewer players on the field. Coaches should agree to this before the start of the game and inform the referee.

15. **U9 and U10 goalies are not allowed to drop kick/punt the ball. Ball may be thrown or placed on the ground to kick, but becomes live as soon as it is set down)**

16. **Off-sides are to be enforced at the U9-and above age divisions.**
- **U9-U10 Offside in effect at the build out line (NOT the halfway line)**
 - U11 and above- **Offside in effect at the halfway line.**

Below are a few key points to remember about off-sides.:

Offside Position

It is not an offence to be in an offside position.

A player is in an offside position if:

- *he/she is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent*

*A player is **not** in an offside position if:*

- *he/she is in his own half of the field of play or*
- *he/she is level with the second last opponent or*
- *he/she is level with the last two opponents*

Offence

A player in an offside position is only penalized if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team, he is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by:

- interfering with play or
- interfering with an opponent or
- gaining an advantage by being in that position

No Offence

There is no offside offence if a player receives the ball directly from:

- a goal kick
- a throw-in
- a corner kick

17. There are Direct kicks at U9 & Up

18. Penalty Kicks will be granted, **U9 and U10 8 yards from goal line. U11 and U12 10 yards from goal line. U13 and U14 12 yards from goal line.**

19. U9 & up direct kicks and corner kicks if a score occurs shall be granted a goal

20. Goals are not allowed off a referee drop ball. A ball entering the goal off a referee drop ball will come out as a goal kick.

21. Slide tackling will NOT be allowed at U10 and below. Offenses should be called and awarded a direct kick.

22. Mercy Rule

Prior to the start of the game, meet with both coaches. Asked coaches if either team is ahead by 5 goals, do they want to play a man down or the team losing wants to add an add a player. If the losing team if the losing team gets within 3 goals teams go back to their normal amount of players. Please make sure both coaches are in agreement.

23. If you have any problems on game day or have any questions please be sure to email WVSRefereeAssociation@hotmail.com or ask a referee mentor at the field

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Division	Number of players on field	Game duration	Heading	Ball size used	Offside
U-15	9 vs 9 (including GK)	30 min halves	YES	5	YES
U-13 and 14*	9 vs 9 (including GK)	30 min halves	YES	5	YES
U-11 and U12	9 vs 9 (including GK)	30 min halves	U11 (no) U12 (yes)	4	YES
U-10	7 vs 7 (including GK)	25 min halves	NO	4	YES
U-9	7 vs 7 (including GK)	25 min halves	NO	4	YES
U-8	4 vs 4 (no GK)	2 x 20 minutes	NO	3	NO

New Law Changes

- **Goal Kick**

The ball is in play once the kick is taken, it can be played before leaving the penalty area. **Opponents must remain outside the penalty area or by the built out line until the ball is in play.**

- **Team Officials**

A team official guilty of misconduct will be shown a Yellow Card (caution) or Red Card (sending off). If the offender cannot be identified, the senior coach who is in the technical area at the time will receive the YC/RC.

- **Dropped Ball**

If the play is stopped inside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for the goalkeeper. If the play is stopped outside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the point of the last touch. In all cases, all other players (of both teams) must be at least 4.5 yards away. If the ball touches the referee, a dropped ball is awarded.

U8, U9 and U10

- Build out line / Off-side line will be used (equidistant from Penalty Area to Halfway line)
 - Goal Keepers will not “punt” or ‘drop kick’ the ball. They may distribute via throw, pass or roll on the ground after opponents retreat behind the build out line. If they choose to play prior to players retreating behind the line there is no infraction of the rule. After the ball is put into play, the opposing team can then cross the build out line and play can resume as normal.
- Off-sides will be called. The build out line will be used in determination of off-sides vs using the center line.

