

BROOKLINE RECREATION SOCCER GUIDELINES

Grades 1-2 (Girls and Coed)

Teams will play 3v3 using Pugg pop-up goals

- Main priority is the safety of the kids
- A coach from each team may be allowed on the field of play to help with the flow of the game
- No goal keeper
- No intentionally handling of ball
- When ball goes out of play, the ball is kicked back into play, no throw-ins
- size #3 ball is used

Grades 3-4 (Girls and Coed)

Teams will play 7v7 including goal keeper

- Main priority is the safety of the kids
- If a player goes down in proximity of the ball, the referee will stop play. Play will be restarted with a drop-ball.
- If a player is injured, the referee will stop play. If there wasn't a foul, play will be restarted with a drop ball.
- No penalty kicks. All fouls inside the penalty box will result in a free kick outside of the penalty box.
- No heading of the ball is allowed.
- On goal kicks, the defending team must move back behind the midfield line until the ball has been kicked.
- Goal kicks must clear the penalty box before being touched by another player. If necessary redo the kick.
- Offsides infractions will be called.
- Throw-ins must be done legally. The throw must come over the head, and both feet must be in contact with the ground.
- The referee may explain and demonstrate proper thrown ins and may allow the offending player to redo the throw.
- Size #4 ball is used.

Grades 5-6 (Girls and Coed)

Teams will play 9v9 including goal keeper

- Main priority is the safety of the kids
- If a player goes down in proximity of the ball, the referee will stop play. Play will be restarted with a drop-ball.
- If a player is injured, the referee will stop play. If there wasn't a foul, play will be restarted with a drop ball.
- No heading of the ball is allowed.
- Penalty kicks are allowed.

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- Offsides infractions will be called.
- Throw-ins must be done legally. The throw must come over the head, and both feet must be in contact with the ground.
- Size #4 ball is used.

Grades 7-8 (Girls and Coed)

Teams will play 11v11 including goal keeper

- Main priority is the safety of the kids
- If a player goes down in proximity of the ball, the referee will stop play. Play will be restarted with a drop-ball.
- If a player is injured, the referee will stop play. If there wasn't a foul, play will be restarted with a drop ball.
- Heading of the ball **is** allowed.
- On free kicks, defending team must stand 10 yards from the ball.
- Size #5 ball is used.

- No jewelry is allowed to be worn during games- No hoop/dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets etc. If a player has earring piercing STUDS they may be taped down with medical tape. Taped earring studs are worn at the player's own risk.