

TIPTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT
YOUTH SOCCER RULES
PRESCHOOL

1. Preschool – This league consists of teams with no more than 8 players on each team. There will be 4 players on the field for each team. (4 on 4 without goalie)
2. Each player will play at least 1 full half. No player will play all of both halves unless lack of players. Substitutions will be made at any time when the ball is not in play. Coaches are required to allow all players the chance to experience every position throughout the season.
3. Preschool league will be 6 minute quarters (coaches will keep track).
4. At the beginning of the game, the kicking team will be determined by coin toss. The other team will choose the end of the field they wish to defend during the first half. No one can score off the kickoff. The ball must touch at least two offensive players prior to scoring a goal.
5. **Preschool division will have coaches or parents referee games as well as coaches will have extra ball in hands so game is constant.**
6. There will be no unsportsman like conduct directed towards the referees by coaches, players or parents. No foul language will be tolerated by players, parents, or coaches. No “trash talk” or boasting will be allowed.
7. There will be no team warm ups on the field between games. When one game is over, the next game will begin immediately. All warm-ups should take place prior to the game and away from the playing field.
8. If a team does not have enough players present to play a game, both coaches will discuss the situation and split the teams fairly and play a game.
9. Coaches must keep players safe and under control during the games.
10. The rules of the Tipton Youth Soccer program are meant to make the game fun and instructional for everyone. The coaches have full authority during the game. They may make exceptions and they are authorized to make decisions not covered in the rules. Their goal is to be as consistent as possible.
11. Isolation of players is not fair. Every attempt should be made to include everyone in the game. Teamwork is an essential part of the Tipton Youth Soccer Program.
12. Players must wear team shirts to games. Each team has their own colored shirt and must wear them to their designated game.

EQUIPMENT:

1. It is highly recommended for all players to wear shinguards. Mouthguards are recommended but not required. Socks should always be worn over your shin guards . **Due to COVID players may wear masks but NOT required. Coaches wearing masks are required during the 2020 season.**
2. All players must wear shoes. Any flat soled or completely molded cleat shoes are acceptable **(No front toe spike allowed)**. Removable cleats, baseball, or track spikes, or any shoes that have steel or metal tips are prohibited.
3. Soft or nerf soccer balls will be used for the preschool league.

SCORING:

1. Goal and penalty goal= 1 point.
2. A goal is scored when the ball has been kicked so that it passes between the goal posts and under the crossbar from any spot within the field. There are no goalies in the preschool soccer division.

PLAYING REGULATIONS:

- A. Player's privileges
 - a. Any player may....dribble, place-kick, advance the ball with the head, shoulder, chest, thigh, or foot.
 - b. A player in possession of the ball may place themselves between the opponent and the ball.
 - c. A player may kick the ball while it is trapped by an opponent provided a foul is not committed.
 - d. A player may play the ball without waiting for the coach's whistle except in the case of the kick-off and penalty kick.

The Tipton Recreation Department's goal for all Youth Sports is to create an environment for learning, fun, & fair play. Youth Sports should include enthusiasm, hustle, and vigorous practice but not aggression, stress, and intimidation.

Praise, encouragement, and sportsmanship should be abundant while yelling, boasting, and putdowns have no place. Every young athlete should feel good about his/her experience. The program should nurture the athletes' self-esteem.

We like to think of our Youth Sports program as organized play rather than organized competition. Our constant goal in all programs for youth is to develop their sports and living skills in an environment of fun and fellowship through development of the total person.