



2nd Grade Soccer

Gameday Rules and Reminders

Fall 2021

Items shown in **maroon** are changes from rules in effect for the previous age band.

- Single field format; **Some referee coverage, otherwise coaches manage games**
- **Four 12 minute quarters; 2 minute breaks**; Games must end on time.
- **5v5 format, including GKs / Size 3 ball / 12' x 6' goals**
- **Substitutions when ball goes out of bounds**
- Coaches and “player bench” from both teams should be on one side of the field; spectators on the opposite side from the coaches and “player bench” (and not on end lines)
- **No adults (coaches, parents, etc.) on the designated playing area (“the field”)**
- **Goalkeepers must wear shirt/scrimmage vest of different color from their team and opponent team**
- **A player playing as the goalkeeper can only play one half of the game maximum**
- **Pass back to GK is allowed, and they can pick ball up**
- **Build Out Line rules used for this age group.** See [full explanation here.](#)
- Shin guards are mandatory
- Closed toe footwear mandatory; cleats are optional
- No jewelry, no watches, no earrings (freshly pierced ears must be covered with bandaids)
- Nothing hard in players’ hair
- Socks, shorts, and club jersey required. On cold days, club jersey should be worn as outer layer.
- Coaches should introduce themselves and shake hands before and after games
- **Coaches supervise games from the sidelines, not on the field**
- No whistles or excessive sideline coaching
- **Parents/spectators on the sideline, not on the endline, and not interfering with GKs**
- **No more Continuous Play; Throw-ins allowed for this age group.** Teach the skill, but don’t stress about it. Ball thrown with both hands, back to front, both feet on the ground.
- **Goal kicks happen from edge of penalty area. There are corner kicks.**
- No offside rule
- No free kicks, no penalty kicks
- No dangerous or unsportsmanlike conduct; No excessive celebrating
- No heading, no use of hands
- No slide tackling or tripping
- No over celebrating, or unsporting behavior
- No dogs allowed at any DC Soccer Club venues, practices or games
- Inclement weather and dangerous field conditions – cancel game, according to club’s safety guidelines. See website.