

Overlea Spring Soccer Rules – 2017

Rules will be for U10, U12 & U15 age groups.

1. The game ball will be the following size: U6 & U8 – Size 3 Ball - U10, & U12 will use a #4 ball. U15 will use a #5 ball.
2. **Player's equipment:**
 - A. Players must wear a jersey, shin guards {sized for age}, socks and shoes. The shoes cannot be baseball cleats, with a single cleat at the toe of the shoe. Socks must cover shin guards.
 - B. The goalie jersey must be a different color from all other players and from the referees.
 - C. Nothing can be worn which is considered dangerous to another player (i.e., earrings, chains, belts, etc.) *THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT RULES WILL BE ENFORCED, FAILURE TO ABIDE WILL RESULT IN THE VIOLATOR NOT BEING ALLOWED TO PLAY THE GAME*
3. **Start of Play:** The game is started at midfield at the beginning of the game, after a goal is made, and after halftime. The ball must be kicked forward, and must travel its circumference before it can be played again. The ball must roll forward and cannot be touched twice consecutively by the same player.
4. **Scoring:** The ball must be completely over the goal line between the posts, and under the crossbar.
5. **Offsides:**
 - A. A player should not be ahead of the ball when the ball is played in his direction unless he/she has 2 opponents ahead of them.
 - B. A player cannot be offsides if he/she is on their own half of the field, or if he/she receives the ball from a throw in, goal kick, or corner kick.
 - C. A player cannot be called offside if the ball is played by an opposing team player.
 - D. Offsides is judged at the moment the ball is played.
6. **Goalkeepers:**
 - A. May not touch the ball with their hands when a teammate has last kicked it, unless the teammate miskicks or involuntarily deflects the ball during play.
 - B. Are allowed to use their hands and arms to play the ball within the penalty box only.
7. **Free Kicks:**
 - A. The ball must be placed at the point of the infraction.

- B. The ball must not be rolling.
- C. The ball must travel its circumference before it is considered “in play”.
- D. Free kicks for the defending team may be taken from any place in the goal area.

8. Penalty Kicks:

A. A Penalty kick is taken from the penalty spot (12 yards from the center of the goalLarge fields) (10 yards from the center of the goal – Small fields)

B. When the kick is taken, all players except the goalie and the kicker must be outside the penalty area and the penalty arc.

9. **Goal Kicks:** A. If the attacking team last touches the ball before it goes over the goal line, the defensive team takes a goal kick. B. Goal kicks may be taken from anywhere on the 6-yard line.

10. **Corner Kicks:** A. If the defensive team last touched the ball, over the goal line, the attacking team takes a corner kick from the closet corner.

11. **Substitutions** will be allowed at the following times:

A. On goal kicks.

B. On any possession of throw in, piggyback substitution are allowed

C. After a goal is scored.

D. At halftime.

E. For an injured player, opposing team may also substitute on a 1 for 1 basis. For U12 and younger teams, players within the field of play must kneel in place during the stoppage in play. For U14 and older teams, players should maintain appropriate behavior during a stoppage in play for injury.

F. For a player receiving a caution (yellow card), opposing team may also substitute on a 1 for 1 basis. No substitutions for an ejected (red card) player.

12. **Slide Tackles:** A. Slide tackles are NOT allowed during the games in the EASL unless performed by a “goalie” who is going for the ball. If a player, other than a goalie, performs a slide tackle during a game, the referee will give out a yellow card the first time. If the intent was to harm another player, then the referees will use their judgment and issue a red card.

13. Heading the Ball:

A. For U12 and younger age groups, heading the ball is not permitted. A drop ball will be awarded for any infraction.

B. Heading the ball is permitted for U15 and older age groups.