



# FIYA SOCCER RULES

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## OVERVIEW

- All rules apply to both Girls AND Boys FIYA Soccer
- Both teams are to say the [FIYA Sportsmanship Pledge](#) prior to start of game at center circle.
- Schools with multiple teams in FIYA – players on teams MAY NOT play on more than one team.
- For anything not specifically mentioned in this document or in the [FIYA Regulations Manual](#), FIFA rules apply.

## AGE DIVISIONS & NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- Division 1 or D1 is for students in grades 8th grade and below. ABSOLUTELY NO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ALLOWED TO PLAY.
- Division 2 or D2 are for students in grades 6th grade and below. ABSOLUTELY NO 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS ALLOWED TO PLAY.
- Games are played 11 v 11 for Divisions 1 and 2
- In Divisions 1 and 2, a team must begin a game with at **least** seven (7) players or else it is a forfeit.

## GAME TIME & SUBSTITUTIONS

- 25 minute halves with running time; no time added for injuries.
- Five (5) minute halftime.
- No timeouts.
- Free substitution. Substitution on own possession, goal kick, or after a goal is scored.

## EQUIPMENT

- Games are played with a Size 5 ball; each team should be prepared to provide one game ball for each game.
- Metal cleats may **not** be worn.
- Shin guards must be worn by all players at all times.
- It is recommended that teams bring at least 11 pennies to each game in the event both teams have same colored uniform tops.

## TIES & OVERTIME

- In the regular season, there is no overtime or penalty kicks and a game may end in a tie.
- In playoffs, if a game is tied after regulation there will be NO OVERTIME period. Rather, game will be resolved by five (5) penalty kicks for each team. The entire roster is eligible for penalty kicks.

## MERCY RULE

- If a team leads by more than 4 goals with ten (10) minutes or less remaining in the second half, the game is ruled a mercy.
- During the regular season, such games may continue to be played but during playoffs the game will be called.

## PENALTIES

- Off sides is in effect at all times.
- A red card results in an ejection. Two (2) yellow cards in one game equal a red card.
- See [FIYA Regulation Manual](#) Article III, Section 5 for ejection impact on future games

## STANDINGS & PLAYOFFS

- Season standings are determined by points. A win is worth three (3) points, a tie one (1) point, a loss zero (0) points, and a forfeit (-3) points. League standings will be updated on our [website](#) weekly throughout the regular season.
- Playoffs take place following the 4-week regular season for qualifying Division 1 teams only; qualifying teams are based on standings from regular season league play.

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S SOCCER SEASON WITH YOU!

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