



XL Sports World Hatfield Walled Soccer Rules

Specific Elements of the Game:

- o The game is comprised of two (2) equal 20 minute halves (Note: Tournaments/playoffs may have differing time periods)**
- o THERE WILL BE NO OVERTIME (Note: Tournaments/playoffs may have differing time periods)**
- o The clock will run at all times**
- o A goal can be scored directly from a kickoff**
- o U8 thru U11 size 4 ball**
- o U12 through Varsity size 5 ball**
- o If the ball strikes the ceiling or lights, a kick in is awarded to the opposing team who last touched the ball. Kick in to be taken from the spot nearest the spot on the touch line.**
- o The ball is out of play: when it has made contact with the net – the opposing team receives an indirect kick from the point of contact.**
- o Intentionally hitting the ball hard enough to hit the superstructure, ceiling, or lighting will be cause for a red card issued by the referee and deemed as an intent to destroy property of XL Sports World Hatfield, a five (5) minute penalty will be assessed to the offending team and a direct kick awarded to the opposing team.**
- o Teams cannot lead by more than 6 goals. If a team is leading by 4 or more goals, the losing team must add an additional player to the field as long as there is a four goal differential.**

Kickoff:

- o All players must be in their own half**
- o Defenders must be outside the center circle**
- o The ball must be stationary in the center**
- o The referee gives a signal (whistle or verbal “play”)**

- o The ball may go forward or backward
- o A goal may be scored directly from a kickoff

Kick ins:

- o Kick ins must be taken on the Touchline at the point where the ball crossed the line
- o The ball may be played to the goalkeeper, but he/she may not play it with their hands

Goal Clearance:

- o The goalkeeper may throw or roll the ball. He may also kick a ball out of his goal area.
- o No punts or dropkicks allowed. A bounce to volley the kick is different from a “dropkick.”
- o The goalkeeper has only 6 seconds to place the ball into play.
- o You may throw past halfway line. Players may not in any way make an attempt to block that kick or impede the keeper from making their kick. If the keeper puts the ball on the ground to play it out as a kick or pass, then the opposing team may pressure the keeper as they are now, essentially, a field player.

Goalkeeper:

- o Goalkeepers may NOT play the ball with the hands when intentionally passed back from the foot of a teammate.
- o Goalkeepers may dribble the ball into their own penalty area and pick it up, unless he/she receives it from a teammate.

Free Kicks:

- o Opponents must be a minimum of 3 yards from all direct free kicks, kickin and corner kick restarts. Any player purposely encroaching in the 3 yard space to deliberately slow the restart of play will be given one warning. The second offense will result in a yellow card and two minute penalty.

Fouls:

- o All outdoor fouls apply
- o Any “charge”
- o No slide tackling. (If an unintentional slide occurs a warning will be issued by the official. If a secondary offense is committed the official will issue a yellow card and a 2 minute penalty. Additional offenses will be punishable at the discretion of the official.)
- o Any attempt at kicking an opponent
- o Spitting will result in an automatic ejection

o Dangerous play (Official's discretion)

Number of Players:

- o U8 through U11 shall play 7v7 including Goalkeeper**
- o U12 through Varsity shall play 6v6 including Goalkeeper**

Substitutions:

- o Substitutions may be made at any time on an unlimited basis during the game, provided the player substituted for is within one yard of the bench door and does not interfere with play at the time the replacing player enters the field of play. A team with too many players on the playing field will be penalized with a two (2) minute penalty not designated to any one specific player.**

Players Equipment:

- o Shin Guards mandatory (Exception: players 18 years of age or older). Socks must completely cover the shinguards**
- o Dangerous Equipment, Players shall not be permitted to wear anything deemed dangerous by the official.**
- o No metal cleats**
- o No jewelry or watches**

Official's Authority:

- o A one man system will be used at the discretion of XL Sports World Hatfield. The authority and exercise of the powers granted to officials by this official rulebook commence when they enter the premises. The officials are responsible for the record of the game.**

Time Penalties:

Any player who commits any of the following offenses while the ball is in play shall be penalized by the official awarding a direct free kick to the opposing team.

- o Kicks, or attempts to kick, an opponent**
- o Trips an opponent (Throwing or attempting to throw an opponent by use of the legs or by stopping in front of or behind a player)**
- o Jumps at a player**
- o Charges an opponent from behind unless the latter is obstructing**
- o Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner**
- o Strikes, elbows, attempts to strike or elbow, or spits at an opponent. A time penalty must be assessed for any of these offenses. Spitting calls for immediate ejection**
- o Holding an opponent**

- o Pushes an opponent
- o Handles the ball (i.e. carries, stripes or propels the ball with his arm or hand). This does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area
- o Boarding (i.e. propelling an opponent into the perimeter wall) in a violent or dangerous manner. A penalty must be assessed for boarding
- o Dangerous play: Play in a manner considered by the official to be dangerous, i.e. attempting to kick the ball while held by the goalkeeper
- o Charging fairly at an improper time (i.e. playing with the shoulder, when the ball is not within playing distance of the players concerned)
- o Obstruction When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent, i.e. running between the opponent and the ball, or interposing the body so as to form an obstacle to an opponent.
- o Charging the goalkeeper: Body contact in the goal area between an attacking player and the opposing goalkeeper not in possession of the ball.
- o Players shouting at players during the game will be assessed a foul and a free kick given to the opposing team from the spot of the foul.
- o Any foul on the defensive team inside the penalty area that would be an indirect freekick outdoors will result in a freekick taken from the top of the penalty area line. This kick may be defended.
- o No Spitting on the field (cause for a red card)
- o Players may reenter after a goal is scored before the expiration of the penalty time. **Time Penalties for Goalkeepers:** Any technical two minute time penalty assessed against the goalkeeper may be served by another member of his/her team. The goalkeeper will serve all time penalties assessed because of goalkeeper misconduct. All the penalties so served shall be charged against the goalkeeper. This includes instances whereby the goalkeeper has been substituted by a field player.
- o **YELLOW CARD** 2 minute penalty (official's discretion) Two yellow cards will equal an automatic red card (5 minute penalty will be assessed)
- o **RED CARD** 5 minute penalty (official's discretion). Suspension(s) are at the discretion of XL Sports World Hatfield. Suspension does not include the game from which you were suspended, It is the next game or game(s).