



2009 NBAA Soccer Rules and Procedures

The purpose of the N.B.B.A soccer program is to teach soccer, good sportsmanship and to have fun. We expect the coaches to be the leader of the team in this regard and convey these purposes to the parents.

I. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Tots (Co-ed)
 - Maximum number on the field will be 4
 - There will not be any goalie, even for penalty kicks
- B. Minis (Boys and Girls)
 - Maximum number on the field will be 6
- C. Minors (Boys and Girls)
 - Maximum number on the field will be 7
- D. Juniors (Boys and Girls)
 - Maximum number on the field will be 9
- E. Majors (Boys and Girls)
 - Maximum number on the field will be 10 or 11, **TBD**

A team must field at least 3 players less than the maximum number for an official game. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, a forfeit will be awarded. The forfeit occurs after the game officials call for the pre-game inspection. The procedure for the forfeit will be as follows:

- Both teams must line up for pre-game inspection
- After inspection, both teams line up for the start of the game. When the game official discovers one team does not have enough players, that team will be told to leave the field. There will be no grace period.
- When the forfeiting team leaves the field, the game will begin with the remaining team kicking off.
- Once the kicking team scores a goal, the game will be over and the final score will be 1-0.

A scrimmage game will then be played using the losing team's number of players as maximum.

II. PLAYER EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Consists of a uniform (Tee-Shirt, shorts, and socks) supplied by the N.B.A.A. This uniform **must** be worn at all games in order to play. The parents will supply soccer or tennis shoes. Goalies must wear a color that distinguishes them from other players. All equipment, except tee-shirts and socks, issued by the N.B.A.A. must be returned at the end of the season. The use of **shin guards** is required for all players. Shin guards must be worn **under** the uniform socks.

III. REFEREES

If referees are not present, we ask that parents or managers act as the referee. **Games must be played at their scheduled times.**

IV. SPORTSMANSHIP

Foul or abusive language during the game will result in the ejection of the player with no substitution allowed.

A. Red Penalty Card

Automatic ejection from game with no substitute player allowed.

B. Yellow Penalty Card

Caution; only one (1) per game per player. Player receiving a yellow card must be substituted for immediately but may re-enter the game later. If the same player receives a second yellow card, he/she is ejected for the remainder of the game with no substitution allowed.

After the game, team line-up is the place for congratulating your opponents on their skill, effort, and spirit. Any negative comments or crude actions will result in a one game suspension. The referees will monitor this line-up.

V. PLAYING TIME & FIELD

Coaches and players must be on the field for inspection and pre-game information 5 minutes before the start of the game.

Coed Tots - Games will consist of two (2) 20-minute periods with a 5-minute half time break.

Boys and Girls Mini's - Games will consist of two (2) 25-minute periods with a 5-minute half time break.

Others - Games will consist of two (2) 30-minute periods with a 5-minute half time break

All players should play **at least** one-half of the total game. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure all of the players play **at least** one-half of the game.

No coaches are allowed on the field at any level during the game, except for injury.

No coaches or spectators are allowed behind the goal lines. Brief picture taking, however, will be permitted.

Both teams will share one side of the field and spectators will be on the opposite side. Coaches may only coach from their half of the field.

VI. SUBSTITUTIONS

Coaches will notify referees of their need to substitute players under the following conditions:

- Either team's throw-in
- Either team's goal kick , corner kick or goal scored
- At any injury on either team
- To replace a player who has been warned (yellow carded)

VII. LEAGUE STANDINGS

Game points will be awarded on the point system of 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss.

Position within the division is based on total game points for all games played in and out of your division.

There will not be any league play-offs. **The standings after week 6 are final.**

Championship tiebreakers will be determined as follows:

- Head to head competition
- Least goals allowed per season (for all games played)
- Least goals allowed head to head
- Sudden death play

VIII. LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

The final weekend of the season will be a mini league tournament for grades 3 through 8. Format will be determined based on the number of teams in the league.

The tournament will begin Saturday morning and **MAY** finish up on Sunday afternoon. No Sunday games will begin before noon.

Grades K-2 will play a normal game as scheduled.

IX. AWARDS

At the Tots and Minis levels, scores are kept during the game, but standings are NOT kept. Each player will get a participation award.

At the Minors, Juniors and Majors levels where standings are kept, trophies will be awarded as follows:

- Leagues with 4 teams – Individual Championship trophies only.
- Leagues with 6 teams – Individual Championship and 2nd place trophies
- Leagues with 8 teams, 2 divisions – Each division winner will receive a division championship trophy.
- Tournament champions will receive medallions.

X. RAIN-OUTS

Do not assume that rain cancels a game. Field conditions will dictate cancellations. League directors will cancel games as early as possible. Remember canceling morning games does not mean that afternoon games will be canceled. The make-up game will be played as time allows, possibly during the week. **Please check the NBAA Soccer website for rainout schedules.**

XI. GAME COMMENT SHEETS

After the game, each coach should make positive comments on their team's performance. The game reports must either be returned to the concession stand or e-mailed to NBAAGameReports@wi.rr.com ***by the Monday after the game.*** These comments are sent to the New Berlin Now for publication as well as posted on our the NBAA Website. They must include all info on the comment sheets including team

name, number, uniform color (for both teams), date/time/field, and division (ie. Girls Minis, etc.) Note: Due to deadlines of New Berlin NOW, comments will NOT appear in the Thursday issue following the game, but a week later. (ie. game comments from 9/12 will not be submitted on Sunday 9/20 and should appear in the 9/24 issue). NOTE: New Berlin NOW reserves the right to delay printing of highlights depending on space considerations. We have no control over their publication, only their submission. Comments will also be posted in the NBAA section of the on the New Berlin Now website www.newberlinnow.com and the NBAA website www.nbaasports.com.

XII. ROSTERS

One completed roster (with uniform number and complete player listing) must be turned in to the referee ***prior*** to the start of your first game. This game will not start until the roster is turned in.

No coach may add or drop players to their rosters, so ***do not promise players that they can be on your team.*** The N.B.A.A soccer coordinator will maintain a waiting list of players who sign up late. They will be assigned to teams in need of players on a first come, first serve basis ***without*** regard to geographic area.

XIII. UNIFORM RETURN

Uniforms are to be collected from your players and returned to Hickory Grove School (the NBAA office) on Cleveland and Sunny Slope. Uniform and equipment collection date will be ***Saturday, November 7th*** from 9:30 until 11:00.

Please use the entrance on the FAR NORTH end of the building. ***Please make sure that all uniforms are clean and make sure you report any missing uniforms so we can follow-up on their collection.***

XIV. DRESS CODE

Any headwear worn must be of a ***functional nature***, used for warmth or to keep the hair back. Decorative headwear (bandanas, baseball caps, etc) is not allowed.

The use of face paint and/or spray on hair paint is not allowed. Players with hair or face paint will receive a yellow card and be removed from the game. ***The offending player may return as soon as the paint is removed.***

No jewelry of any kind is allowed. ALL jewelry, including starter earrings, must be removed prior to the start of the game.

XV. SLIDE TACKLES

Slide tackles will not be permitted at the Tots or Minis levels. They will be permitted at all other levels provided that they are done properly.