

Gaylord Recreation Soccer, 2023 Tournament Rules

FIFA RULES APPLY, UNLESS LISTED DIFFERENTLY IN TOURNAMENT RULES

Elimination of Heading Policy :

- a. All players in the U10 age group or younger may not head the ball.
- b. A header by these players shall result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent at the spot of the infraction. If the header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick shall be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.

TEAM BENCHES & SPECTATORS: Both teams will have their bench on the same side. Spectators will be on the opposite side. The halfway line will divide the teams and the spectators. Coaches are responsible for the spectators' behavior. Dissent will not be tolerated.

GAME BALLS: U10-U12 will use a size 4 ball. U13 and above will use a size 5 ball.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

- a. Shin guards are mandatory and must be covered by socks.
- b. Shirt/jerseys will be tucked into players shorts at all times.
- c. Hard and soft cast may be allowed upon prior approval by the tournament committee.
- d. The home team will be responsible for using alternate color uniform if necessary.

TIE BREAKER:

We will go directly to penalty kicks if the game is tied at the end of regulation

REFEREES DECISIONS ARE FINAL – NO PROTESTS – NO APPEALS.

DISPUTES:

- a. Any disagreement which cannot be resolved by the listed rules will be settled by the Tournament Committee.
- b. Score disputes: In situations where there is a disagreement about the score between teams/coaches/managers etc., the tournament committee will determine outcome by referring to the original signed game card from the game. Please make sure that the score is correct prior to signing the game sheet.
- c. Any player or coach ejected from a game will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game.

- d. There shall be no dissent between players and/or coaches and the referee. Questioning a referee is considered dissent. All coaches are responsible for the actions of their spectators, specifically verbal abuse of referees. Such abuse will not be tolerated by the tournament and any decisions will be made by the tournament committee.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: The tournament committee and/or director have the right to stop games due to weather. The tournament will follow US Soccer's position statement that indicates when lightning is seen, the tournament will count the time until thunder is heard. If this time is thirty (30) seconds or less, seek shelter. Wait thirty (30) minutes or more after hearing the last thunder before resuming activities.

*Further precautions will be taken as needed by the tournament staff to ensure safety of players.

Games interrupted in the first half:

- a. Will continue if time permits
- b. If time does not permit, a 0-0 tie will be awarded.

Games interrupted after the completion of the first half:

- a. Will continue if time permits
- b. If time does not permit, the score of the game will stand.

FACILITY RULES:

- a. No Alcohol is permitted on the fields.
- b. Pets are NOT allowed inside the facility at any time unless it is a *certified* service animal.
- c. VIOLATORS OF ANY PARK RULES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE GSL BOARD. Use the email on the league website. The link can be found at the bottom of the webpage.

CONCUSSION: Gaylord Soccer League adheres to the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer Concussion policies.

7v7 (U10) PROVISION:

Offside is called from the build out line to the end line.

We WILL utilize the build out line – Per US Soccer, the Build-Out Line promotes playing the ball out from the defensive third in a less pressured setting. When the goalkeeper has control (with their hands) of the ball during play, the opposing team MUST move behind the Build-Out Line until the ball is released (put in play) by the goalkeeper.

Once the opposing team is behind the Build-Out Line, the goalkeeper's six-second count will begin and can then pass, throw, or roll the ball into play to a teammate (punts or drop

kicks are **NOT** allowed). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the Build-Out Line and play resumes as normal. The build out line will be marked mid-way between the top of the penalty box and the halfway line.

Also, the opposing team MUST move behind the Build-Out Line for a goal kick restart and may only cross the Build-Out Line once the ball is in play (meaning that the ball has left the penalty area).

Tournament Committee is comprised of all Gaylord Soccer Board Members present during the recreation tournament, .

Gaylord Soccer League reserves the right to amend/adjust the rules on a case-by-case basis.