



Laws of the Game Hamilton Girls Soccer D Division



All general soccer rules apply with the following exceptions:

- ✦ **No Headballs and No Offsides**
- ✦ **# of Players on the Field:** Teams will play 5 v 5 with no goalkeepers
- ✦ **No Goalkeepers:** Defenders will no longer be able to stand in the goals. Instead, a goal box has been created that should not be entered unless the player is actively engaging in the play. ***This change has been made to further encourage the girls playing defense to be involved in the play**
- ✦ **Substitutions:** At any stoppage and unlimited. Referee's permission is not required. But Coaches have to informed the Refs of the subs so the Ref do not begin play until all players are on and off the field
- ✦ **Size ball:** D Division uses a size #3 ball
- ✦ **Restarts:** Game will be restarted with kick-ins (not throw-ins), goal kicks and corner kicks.
 - **Kick-ins:** There will be no throw-ins. Instead, the ball will be placed on the sideline where it went out and the team that throw-in would kick the ball in.
 - **Goal kicks:** The team not kicking the goal kick must retreat to midfield prior to the kick. Once the ball is kicked, they may advance.
- ✦ **Fouls:** All infractions will be re-started with an indirect kick. There are no penalty kicks.
- ✦ **Length of game:** Each game will consist of two (2) 20-minute halves.
- ✦ **The league has taken a zero-tolerance approach as to the behavior of coaches. If a coach's behavior is deemed unacceptable, according to our code of conduct, our league's executive board will be discussed, and possible game(s) suspension. Another infraction will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.**
- ✦ **Refs** Please remember this is also a training division for girls wanting to pursue a referee career. Any issues with referees should be handled with respect and brought up to the division director and NOT the Referees directly!