



Liberty Schools Athletic League
Soccer Rules
Adopted October 2013
Revised April 2019



Schools will follow the Liberty Schools Athletic League rules and the National Federation of State High School Association. Our conference does make some modifications to some of the rules

Field of Play:

- The field will be 50' by 100'
- The field will be rectangular in shape
- The goal will be 8' by 24'

Equipment and Game

- Game can be started and continued with 7 players. Games will count in the standings if this occurs.
- The Liberty Schools Athletic League will impose a 7 goal "Mercy Rule" when there is 15 minutes left in the 2nd half.
- When a team is ahead by 7 goals, the game will be called - for example: the score is 7 - 0 or 8 - 1 etc.
- Size 5 soccer ball
- Soccer points are as followed: 3 pts for a win, 1 pt. for a tie, & 0 pts for a loss
- There will be 1 captain per game
- Referees will stop the game for a head injury

GAME TIME:

- Length of game is two 30-minute halves with a 5 minute halftime
- A coin toss will determine which team has the choice of: Kicking off or choosing which goal to defend

Number of players:

- 11 players on the field (10 players + 1 goal keeper)
- Game can be started and continued with 7 players. Games will count in the standings if this occurs.

UNIFORM:

- All players must wear the uniform provided by the school without alterations (compression shorts may be worn under the shorts)
- All players **MUST** wear shin guards



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- If athlete wears cleats, no toe cleat is allowed, no metal cleats , cleats are optional
- Jewelry shall not be worn
 - Religious and medical-alert medals are not considered jewelry. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform.
 - A medical-alert medal must be taped and may be visible.



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OVERTIME:

- There will be no overtime period during regular season games. Games may end in a tie
- Post-season games will have a 5- minute sudden death overtime period
- If post season game is still tied go to a shootout to determine the winner

Fouls and Misconduct - There's a difference between fouls and misconduct

- A foul can occur when a player tries to get the ball from his opponent and kicks him or pushes him away accidentally, whereas misconduct means that a player willfully targets his opponent and punches, kicks or pushes him away
- Depending on the seriousness of the foul or misconduct, the referee can penalize it with a yellow or red card in addition to a free kick or penalty kick
- Any misconduct will not be tolerated in the Liberty Schools Athletic League

Misconduct

- If a player receives a YELLOW card for misconduct, they should be removed from the game to be given time to calm down
- They will be able to re-enter the game once calm
- If a player receives a RED card for misconduct, they will be removed from the game for the remainder of that game
- If the incident was a violent attack on another player, that player will be suspended for the next game as well
- If the player displays extreme unsportsmanlike conduct there will be a minimum of 3 game suspension and possible expulsion from the team. This penalty will be reviewed by League Officials