

## **Minor Division Soccer Bylaws**

MCCS Youth Sports Soccer is governed by The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), as modified by these by-laws and the Youth Sports Director.

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Co-Ed Soccer will be played in accordance with the amendments defined in these bylaws items 1-24 below.

Officials. There will be three (3) official used during all games. The Officials presence controls the game, applies rules and regulations, and explains the Laws and By-laws

Players aged 9-10 will define the Minor division. A team may start and end a game with no less than seven (7) players

1. Games will consist of two (2) twenty-five (25) halves with a five (5) minute halftime.
2. The ball size is a (size 4) soccer ball.
3. A team may have one Head coach and three (3) Assistant Coaches present at all games.
  - Only one (1) Coach may actively engage in the Technical Area.
  - All other coaches must remain seated on the bench or stand behind the bench.
  - Refer to FIFA Law 1-9: Technical Area (Coach's Box
4. No coach or parent will be allowed to stand behind his or her goal to assist the goalkeeper.
5. At no point in time will any coach interfere with the other team's bench or coach.
6. Substitutions will be unlimited in number and will be made during any stoppage, with the consent of the center referee.
7. Before the game starts, coaches are required to complete a "Soccer Players Log." Youth Sports will provide the form located in the game box.
  - The score will be kept and recorded in this division.
  - During regular season play, a tie will remain a tie.
8. Playoffs:
  - Regardless of the official time, ties will be broken by a Shoot-Out system. Per FIFA guidelines, teams will utilize penalty kicks.

9. During games, spectators must remain on the opposite side of the field from the team bench. If the field size allows, they should be approximately 2-3 yards from the sideline. No parents or spectators are allowed on any team's sidelines or behind the goals or end lines.
10. No pets are allowed on the fields or surrounding areas.
11. Goal Keeper Possession:
  - In the interest of safety, one finger on the ball is considered possession. Officials will call a foul on a player that continues playing the ball after the goalkeeper has gained possession. This violation will result in an indirect free-kick.
12. No Headers Per FIFA Rules :
  - Players aged 10 and younger are not allowed to head the ball directly in any match or competition or practice heading the ball.
  - If a player age 10 or younger deliberately heads the ball in a match, the referee shall award an indirect free kick to the opposing team at the spot of the infraction.
  - If the heading occurs within the penalty area, the referee shall move the ball outside the penalty area line closest to the point of the infraction.
13. Glasses or goggles must have a strap or ear hooks that secure them to the player. There are no exceptions to this rule, and the player will not be able to play without a strap or ear hooks to their glasses.
14. Coaches will confirm their players are properly equipped.
15. Players are prohibited from wearing jewelry or any hard objects in their hair, including bobby pins, beads, and plastic or metal pins. However, players are allowed to tape medical alert jewelry and religious medallions, provided that the referee is informed of the reason before the start of the game.
16. For safety, hard medical casts are deemed unsafe for players and other teams to wear in games.
17. Please be advised that the listed shoes are not approved.
  - Shoes with any metal cleats.
  - Football, Baseball, or softball cleats.
  - Any shoe that has been modified from its original design.



18. During matches, all players must wear shin guards under the socks, not in-between the socks if folded over. Players must have jerseys tucked in when on the playing field.
19. Players may wear undershirts. They do not have to match the jersey or other players as this is not a competitive age division, but they must be a solid color. All players do not need to wear an undershirt.
20. Beanies may be worn, but they must be a solid color, flat on top, with no bills or hanging decorations.
21. Shin Gaurds:
  - All players must wear shin guards under socks. The skin guard must have skin-to-guard contact and not in-between the socks if folded over. Players must have jerseys tucked in when on the playing field.
22. Socks:
  - All teammates must have matching socks. If your team chooses to wear multi colored socks, they must be the same color and pattern.
23. Team sizes will be limited to fifteen (15) players. The addition of players to a team will be left up to the Youth Sports Coordinator's discretion.
24. Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) will supply numbered jerseys and socks. The MCCS uniforms will be the only uniform authorized during games and cannot be modified in color or texture. Team equipment will be provided and is the responsibility of the coach.