



7v7 & 9v9 Standards of Play

Referees Responsibilities:

- Show up on time (Minimum 10 minutes before the start of the game)
- Ensure the fields are playable and clear of any garbage, sticks, rocks, etc....
- Ensure goal nets are fastened
- Introduce yourself to the coaches
- Check each player for shin guards and cleats (Cleats are not required)
- Enforce the standards outlined below
- Follow the play, project your voice and explain to the players what they need to do
 - Players may not know the difference between a goal kick and corner kick
- Keep track of the time
- Keep track of the score of the game
 - Confirm the final result of the game with each coach
 - Report the final score to MTLsoccer@gmail.com by Sunday evening
- Report any injuries/player/coach issues to mtlsoccer@gmail.com

Field:

- 55-65 yards (length) recommended *
- 35-45 yards (width) recommended *
- Corner flags are not required
- Referee and coaches are responsible for ensuring a safe playing field prior to kick off
- Goals must be anchored by sand bags (WO Town provided)

Games:

- Size 4 ball or 5 ball
- 7v7 (6 field players + 1 goalie)
 - A larger or smaller amount of players can be used if agreed upon by the coaches and referee. Referee has deciding vote
- 9v9 (7 field players + 1 goalie)
 - A larger or smaller amount of players can be used if agreed upon by the coaches and referee. Referee has deciding vote
- Shin guards are required
- Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage
- Two 25-minute halves with a 3-minute halftime
- Kick offs, free kicks, goal kicks and corner kicks are used to start or restart play
- Opposing team should line up on their side of the field on all goal kicks. **(midfield line indicates the side of the field, coaches and referees need to enforce this on every occasion)**
- Throw-ins, if done incorrectly are repeatable in the first two weeks of the season.
 - Coach and referees are responsible for providing general guidance
- Goal kicks and corner kicks should be taken in the general vicinity of the respective goal or corner if field lines are not apparent



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- Opponents should be a minimum of 10 feet away from the ball on all restarts (except for goal kicks, on goal kicks, the opposing team should return to their side of the field)
- Players may not head the ball
 - The heading of the ball will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team **(coaches and referees need to enforce this on every occasion)**
- Together, coaches and parents are expected to create and promote a fun and safe environment for the players
- Teams and coaches must shake hands with the other players, coaches and referees after the game.
- Leagues/Age groups that are playing 7v7
 - Sunday 3/4 Grade Coed, Sunday 3/5 Grade Girls
- Leagues/Age Groups that play 9v9
 - Sunday 5/6 Grade COED

Issues with fields, parents, coaches, players and/or referees must be reported to the trustees through the MTLsoccer@gmail.com mailbox. Inappropriate conduct both on and off the field will be address by MTL Trustees and board member and further actions if needed will be determined by the trustees and board.

These rules have been taken from US Soccer and have been slightly modified to meet MTL Soccer needs. See the below link for more information.

<https://usys-assets.ae-admin.com/assets/1/15/Small%20Sided%20Games%20Rules.pdf>

Additional laws of the game and explanation of soccer terminology can be found by clicking on the link below:

http://www.fifa.com/mm/Document/FootballDevelopment/Refereeing/02/79/92/44/Laws.of.the.Game.2016.2017_Neutral.pdf

*Fields are lined by the town, the dimensions may vary slightly.