

### **Nibley Recreation Soccer 1st and 2nd Grade Bylaws Spring 2024:**

1. League Age (1st and 2nd): Grade the player is currently enrolled in during the 23-24 school year.
2. A size 3 soccer ball will be used during the games.
3. 4 vs. 4 games. Can start a game with 3 players. **NO GOALIES.**
4. A game consists of four 10-minute quarters. 2-minute interval after 1st & 3rd quarters. 5-minute halftime interval or when kids are ready.
5. In the event of an injury, the game will be stopped and the player should be replaced.
6. Players must not wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players (i.e. jewelry, watches).
  - a. Both coaches must agree if equipment/apparel/casts are safe for players to participate.
7. Closed toe shoes are required. Soccer cleats can be worn. **NO METAL OR TOE CLEATS.**
8. **SHIN GUARDS ARE MANDATORY.**
9. A reversible red/blue Nibley jersey must be worn. Cold weather clothes can be worn under the jersey.
10. Coaches will officiate the games. Coaches can be on the field with the players.
  - a. Parents must remain on the sideline.
11. Home team chooses which goal to attack at the start of the game. Away team kicks off.
12. Kick-off, free kick, goal kick, corner kick, and throw-in: The ball must be stationary before being kicked. All defensive players must be at least 5-yards away when the ball is kicked. The kicker/thrower cannot touch the ball after the kick/throw until another player has touched it.
  - a. Redo the kick/throw until done correctly.
13. Kick-off:
  - a. The ball is placed on the center line in the center circle. Ball can be kicked forward or backward.
  - b. Defensive players must be on their own half of the field and outside of the center circle.
  - c. Offensive players must be on their own half of the field and can be inside or outside of the circle.
14. The entire ball must cross the line to be out of play or score a goal.
15. Throw-in: Awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball when the ball crosses the sideline. Thrower must keep both hands on the ball, bring the ball all the way behind their head, and keep both feet on the ground. Follow guidelines in rule 12.
16. Corner Kick: Awarded to the offensive team when the ball was last touched by a defensive player and completely crosses the end-line.
  - a. Ball placed inside the quarter circle in the corner of the field.
17. Goal Kick: Awarded to the defensive team when the ball was last touched by an offensive player and completely crosses the end-line.
  - a. Ball placed anywhere in the goal box.
  - b. Kicking team may be inside of the build out line.
  - c. Non-kicking team must be behind the build out line. Cannot cross the line until the ball is kicked.
18. Free Kicks:
  - a. Awarded on fouls (kicks, trips, slides, strikes, or pushes an opponent) and hand balls.
    - i. **NO SLIDE TACKLING.** No kicking the ball while the player is on the ground.
  - b. All free kicks will be indirect (must touch another player before going in the goal).
  - c. No penalty kicks (PK's).
    - a. Any dead ball within 5-yards of the goal box will be moved to a distance of 5-yards away from the box in a straight line from the center of the goal.
19. Goals can NOT be scored on a kick-off, throw-in, free kick or from a team's own defensive half. Goals can be scored on corner kicks.
  - a. A goal can only be scored from a touch on the offensive half of the playing field.
20. There is no ball contact allowed within the goal box; however, players may pass through the goal box. The whole ball or player's body must be inside the goal box to be considered in the goal box.
  - a. If a defensive player touches the ball in the goal box the offensive team is awarded a goal.
  - b. If an offensive player touches the ball in the goal box the defense is awarded a goal kick.
21. Free substitution during any stoppage of play.
22. The offside rule is not in effect.
23. Heading the ball is NOT allowed in games or practices. Results in a free kick for the opposing team.