

YOUTH SOCCER

RULEBOOK OFFICIALS



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BLUE SPRINGS
— PARKS & RECREATION —

Welcome to Blue Springs Parks and Rec!

Dear Officials

The Blue Springs Parks and Recreation Department welcomes you to the Youth Soccer Program! Our goal is for all youth sports participants, both parents and children, to have an enjoyable sporting experience. Skill development is the main component of our youth sports programs. Non-competitive games are a part of every season in which each player will receive an equal amount of playing time and opportunity. At this level, it is not about winning yet. Learning the fundamentals of the game, making friends, and having fun are the goals we are setting for this season.

Thank you for officiating with Blue Springs Parks and Recreation!

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Important Dates

April 11th: First day of games

- 8 consecutive Saturday mornings
- No games on 5/23 (Memorial weekend).
- game schedule listed Teamsideline:
 - **Game schedule link:** <https://teamsideline.com/sites/bluespringsgov/schedules>

PICTURE DAY:

- April 18th (field 2)
- May 2nd (field 2)

TENTATIVE LAST GAME DAY WEATHER PERMITTING: June 6th

Weather Policy

The safety of our patrons is important to us, and we will make every effort to keep you informed of facility closures and program cancellations due to weather. BSPR has purchased a new Rainout Line solution to keep you up to date when adverse weather affects our events. Updates on the status of BSPR programs, services, or facilities will be available through BSPR Rainout Line, Facebook, or by contacting the front desk at the Blue Springs Fieldhouse. Our new Rainout Line number is listed below.

Our new Rainout Line offers you a FREE iPhone and Android app to quickly check the status information. To download the app for BSPR just go to the market on your phone and search Rainout Line. Download the RainoutLine.com app and search for Blue Springs Parks and Recreation (you may also click the banner below). When it appears click the star on the right side of the page and you are all set. We are excited to provide our participants with the latest technology to make your participation just a little more enjoyable.

Click here to:



- **Rainout Line Phone Number:** (816) 280-2440
- **Rainout Line Website:** <https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/8162802440>
 - Download the Free App for instant notification of any cancellations due to weather

*Cancellation decisions will be made by 4:00 PM on weekdays, 1 hour prior to programs starting on weekends. Blue Springs Parks and Recreation will only update rainout line for games, while practice decisions are left up to the team coach (unless specified by Blue Springs Public Schools). Cancellations that must be made during a program will be made on site and updated on the rainout line.

*Youth Sports Heat Policy: Once the temperature reaches 100 degrees and/or the heat index reaches 104 degrees, we start assessing the possibility for cancellation

Policies

- All our youth sports programs are Tobacco & Alcohol Free. We want to provide a fun and safe environment for all our children and families involved.
- All games are monitored by Blue Springs Parks and Recreation Staff that is trained in CPR and First Aid. First Aid kits are available on site.
- Blue Springs Parks and Recreation provides a safe place for our children to learn skills and grow. Foul language and inappropriate behavior of any kind by parents, coaches, staff, or spectators will not be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly.
- We have zero tolerance with disruptive coaches/parents/spectators. The Blue Springs Parks and Rec Department will handle every situation on a case-by-case basis and move forward.

Rules and Regulations

Administration: The Youth Soccer League is supervised by the Blue Springs Parks and Recreation Department. Decisions rendered by the Parks and Recreation Department are final. We ask for, and in return, will show a mutual respect to all those involved with the program, with the main goal being the betterment of the kids involved.

Divisions Offered:

- U6, U7, U8, U9, U10 – U11 U12 – U13
- All divisions offered are coed.
- Divisions may be combined based on registration numbers.
- What division your child falls in is based off birth year. See chart below.

Age Divisions by Birth Year

Division	Birth Year
U6	2020
U7	2019
U8	2018
U9	2017
U10	2016
U11	2015
U12	2014
U13	2013

Birth Year and season matrix is based on us USSA and Missouri Youth Soccer Association Standard 22-23.
www.missourisoccer.org

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Team members, coaches and spectators shall exhibit appropriate behavior toward other players, coaches, spectators, and officials. Unsportsmanlike conduct from team members and/or associates, including spectators, will result in one or more of the following:

- a) Player, coach, or spectator ejection from the game
- b) Player, coach, or spectator ejection from the league
- c) Player, coach, or spectator suspension
- d) Forfeit of game

During the game, the officials have the authority to eject players, coaches, and spectators. The Parks and Recreation Department has the final authority on determining the duration of suspension or other penalty. Any player (if he/she has a way home) and/or coach ejected from the game must leave the playing area.

These circumstances will be handled strictly on a case-to-case basis based on the level of severity.

Playing Rules:

See the descriptions below that references basic playing rules for each division. These are separated out per division.

(Please note that divisions may be combined after the registration deadline depending on numbers registered.

When this happens, the chart will be adjusted and communicated to all coaches and parents)

U6 Division (4v4) Size 3 Ball, Goal 4 x 6 ft, field size 20-35 yards by 15-25 yards

- 4 field players and no goalie
- 1 referee on the field
- Four 9-minute quarters, 5-minute halftime, breaks between quarters will be approximately 2 minutes.
- One coach from each team is allowed on the field.
- No goalie, coaches should encourage players to defend on the field away from the goal. Defenders must be involved in the play and not just hanging back by the goal.
- No offsides called, no throw ins (kick ins are used), no direct kicks, defending team must be 4 yards off the ball for restarts.
- A goal can only be scored from a team's offensive side of the field.
- Substitute on any dead ball at referees' discretion
- On any restart, the opposing team must be in their defensive half until the ball is put back in play.
- Fouls will be called but explained to the player(s) involved as to what they did wrong.
- When a player deliberately heads the ball in the game, an indirect free kick (IFK) will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where it occurred. For non-deliberate headers, play should continue.
- Referees will allow players to leave the field to be evaluated by coaches if there is a suspected head injury.

U7/U8 Division (4v4) Size 3 Ball, Goal 4 x 6 ft, field size 25-35 yards by 15-25 yards

- 4 field players and no goalie
- 1-2 referees on the field
- Four 10-minute quarters, 5-minute halftime, breaks between quarters will be approximately 2 minutes.
- No coaches on the field unless allowed by the referee due to injury.
- No goalie. Players should not be in the goal area except when play is occurring in the goal area. Players should not start in the goal area on corner kicks. Coaches should encourage players to defend on the field away from the goal area. If a team repeatedly blocks the goal by placing a defender in the goal area without actively defending, the referee is allowed to award an indirect kick at midfield.
- No offsides called, throws in are used, no direct kicks, defending team must be 4 yards off the ball for restarts.
- A goal can only be scored from a team's offensive side of the field.
- Substitute on any dead ball at referee discretion

- Fouls will be called but explained to the player(s) involved as to what they did wrong.
- When a player deliberately heads the ball in the game, an indirect free kick (IFK) will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where it occurred. For non-deliberate headers, play should continue.
- Referees will allow players to leave the field to be evaluated by coaches if there is a suspected head injury.

U9 Division (7v7) Size 4 Ball, Goal 6.5 x 18 ft, field size 55-65 yards by 35-45 yards

- 6 field players and 1 goalie
- Two 25-minute halves and 5-minute half time
- Three referees on the field. (During referee shortages two on field)
- No coaches on the field unless allowed by the referee due to injury.
- Coaches and parents need to be on the sidelines and not behind the endline.
- No single player shall play more than %50 of the game as goalie. No goalie coaches.
- **Build out line (Diagram at the end of this document): On a goal kick or when the goalie has possession, all players from the opposing team must move behind the build out line (this is located halfway between midfield and the top of the penalty area) until the ball is in play. The ball is in play when the goalie releases the ball or when a goal kick is played. If the team with the possession chooses to put the ball in play before the opposing team is behind the build out line, they do so accept the positioning of the opponents and consequences of how the play resumes. On goalie possession punts and drop kicks are not allowed.**
- Offsides called, but only between the goal and the build out line. Throw-ins are used (only 2 attempts are given for a corrected throw in), call all fouls, direct kicks are allowed, defending team must be 8 yards off the ball for restarts.
- Substitutions can happen anytime the ball is out of bounds at referee discretion.
- When a player deliberately heads the ball in the game, an indirect free kick (IFK) will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where it occurred. For non-deliberate headers, play should continue.
- Referees will allow players to leave the field to be evaluated by coaches if there is a suspected head injury.

U10-11 Division (9v9) Size 4 Ball, field size 70-80 yards by 45-55 yards

- 8 field players and 1 goalie
- Two 25-minute halves and 5-minute half time
- Three referees on the field. (During referee shortages two on field)
- No coaches on the field unless allowed by the referee due to injury.
- Coaches and parents need to be on the sidelines and not behind the endline.
- No single player shall play more than %50 of the game as goalie. No goalie coaches.
- Offsides called, throw ins called (1 attempt given to correct throw in), call all fouls, direct kicks are allowed.
- Substitutions can happen anytime the ball is out of bounds at referee discretion.
- When a player deliberately heads the ball in the game, an indirect free kick (IFK) will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where it occurred. For non-deliberate headers, play should continue.
- Referees will allow players to leave the field to be evaluated by coaches if there is a suspected head injury.

U12-U13 Division Combined (11v11) Size 4 Ball, Goal 8 x 24 ft, field size 70-80 yards by 45-55 yards.

- 10 field players and 1 goalie
- Two 30-minute halves and 5-minute half time
- Three referees on the field. (During referee shortages two on field)
- No coaches on the field unless allowed by the referee due to injury.
- Coaches and parents need to be on the sidelines and not behind the endline.
- No single player shall play more than %50 of the game as goalie. No goalie coaches.
- Offsides called, throw ins called (1 attempt given to correct throw in), call all fouls, direct kicks are allowed.
- Substitutions can happen anytime the ball is out of bounds at referee discretion.
- When a player deliberately heads the ball in the game, an indirect free kick (IFK) will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where it occurred. For non-deliberate headers, play should continue.
- Referees will allow players to leave the field to be evaluated by coaches if there is a suspected head injury.

Location

Games: Hidden Valley Sports Complex

6500 NW Valley View Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015

