



GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT HOUSE SOCCER LEAGUE RULES

LEAGUES

Pre-K
Kindergarten
1st Grade
2nd Grade
3rd/4th Grade Co-Rec
3rd/4th Grade Girls
5th/6th Grade Co-Rec
5th/6th Grade Girls
7th/8th Grade Co-Rec

OBJECTIVE

House League Soccer is a Glen Ellyn Park District program run with the assistance of the Glen Ellyn Youth Soccer Organization (GEYSO). The program teaches soccer skills while promoting good sportsmanship, physical conditioning and having fun. There are nine age groups for boys and girls. This program relies solely on volunteer parents to coach and coordinate teams. Games are played at Ackerman Park on Saturdays between the hours of approximately 8:00am and 2:00pm. Practices are held once per week for one hour according to the volunteer coach's schedule. Practice locations are also dependent on coach's availability. All practices are held within Glen Ellyn. Pre-K leagues will play on Saturdays only, with teams practicing prior to game kick-off.

COACH'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All coaches are required to attend the coaches meeting at the start of each season.
2. All coaches are expected to inform their players concerning all rules and regulations prior to the first game and as many times thereafter as necessary to make sure that no violations will occur.
3. All coaches are expected to inform their players of scheduled games, schedule changes, make-ups and standings.
4. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team members and any team spectators at all times, including prior to, during, and after completion of the game.
5. Only coaches are to discuss a disagreement with a referee.

RAIN OUTS AND CANCELLATIONS

1. Do not assume games are canceled because of weather conditions. Every effort will be made to play the games, even in light rain. If games are determined to be playable and your team does not show, you will lose by forfeit. If there are any questions to whether a game is canceled due to weather conditions, **information will be available on the Park District website at www.gepark.org or by calling 630-984-5075 ext.8.** Rainout and cancellation information will be available after 2:30pm during the week regarding practices. Any game cancellations will provide as much advanced notice as possible. It is the coach's responsibility to contact their players.
2. In the instance of confirmed lightning and/or thunder by a referee or park district staff, all practices/games shall immediately cease, and players, participants, and staff will be required to clear the fields and stands. Practices/games will not be allowed to continue until 30 minutes have passed without another confirmation of lightning or thunder. If after 30 minutes and prior to the practice/game being considered official, conditions have not improved to continue the game, the practice/game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

3. If, during a game, weather conditions force a stoppage of play (with the exception of lightning and/or thunder) before the game is considered official, a fifteen (15) minute delay shall be in effect. If after fifteen (15) minutes, conditions have not improved to continue the game, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

If weather conditions force a second stoppage of play before the game is considered official, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

4. Rainouts will be rescheduled during the regular season (schedule permitting).
5. Teams will be responsible for coordinating with each other to determine a makeup date and time from the makeup game availability.

SCHEDULES

1. The Glen Ellyn Park District reserves the right to modify any and all House Soccer schedules as necessary to operate the league.
2. Schedules can be found at www.quickscores.com/glenellyn.

PRE-K RULES

Equipment

- Soccer cleats (recommended for safety)
- Shin guards (must be covered with socks)
- Any eyewear must be protective (required)
- Soccer ball size #3
- Water bottle (required)
- NO jewelry
- Sports attire (NO jeans)

Structure

- Five 5-minute periods of 4v4 without goalies.
- 1-minute break in between each period.
- Referees will be provided for the first two games of the season. Each coach will referee half of the game thereafter.
- Each player receives equal playing time.
- Keep play moving and rarely stop play entirely.
- Let the kids play on. If the ball leaves the field of play let them bring it back in.
- No need for throw-ins.
- Encourage kids to play and have fun.
- Only one coach on the field per team at a time.

Playing Rules

- Periods begin with a kick-off from the six-yard line, alternating teams each period. Opponents must be behind the midfield line.
- Kick-offs can be in any direction.
- After a goal is scored, the restart of the game should begin from the six-yard line with a kick-off. Opponents must be behind the midfield line.
- Coaches must keep the goal difference to three or less.
- NO SLIDE TACKLING is permitted.
- Heading the ball, intentional or accidental, is not permitted. Play will restart with an indirect free kick.
- If the ball crosses the goal line last touched by:
 - Defense: corner kick
 - Offense: goal kick (opponents must be behind the midfield line)
- Substitutions are allowed at stoppages during the game.
- No trophies or awards of any type should be given out other than those provided by the Glen Ellyn Park District.

KINDERGARTEN – 2ND GRADE RULES

Equipment

- Soccer cleats (recommended for safety)
- Shin guards (must be covered with socks)
- Any eyewear must be protective (required)
- Soccer ball size #3
- Water bottle (required)
- NO jewelry
- Sports attire (NO jeans)

Structure

- Eight 4-minute periods of 4v4 (Kindergarten and 1st Grade).
- Eight 5-minute periods of 5v5 (2nd grade).
- 1-minute break in between each period.
- Referees will be provided for the first two games of the season. Each coach will referee half of the game thereafter (Kindergarten and 1st Grade only). 2nd grade will have referees for the duration of the season.
- Each player must play at least one-half of the game.
- Rotate all players through all positions evenly.
- Only once coach on the field at a time.
- No coach or helper may stand near the goalkeeper.

Playing Rules

- Periods begin with a kick-off from the six-yard line, alternating teams each period. Opponents must be behind the midfield line.
- Kick-offs can be in any direction.
- After a goal is scored, the restart of the game should begin from the six-yard line with a kick-off. Opponents must be behind the midfield line.
- Coaches must keep the goal difference to three or less.
- The goalkeeper has possession of the ball when one or both hands are holding or touching the ball. Possession is also any part of the goalkeeper's body on the ball.
- Goalkeepers may throw, roll, or kick the ball after a save. Punting is not allowed.
- NO SLIDE TACKLING is permitted.
- Heading the ball, intentional or accidental, is not permitted. Play will restart with an indirect free kick.
- Throw-ins will be taking for any ball going out of play over the sideline.
- If the ball crosses the goal line last touched by:
 - Defense: corner kick
 - Offense: goal kick (opponents must be behind the midfield line)
- Substitutions are allowed at stoppages during the game.
- No trophies or awards of any type should be given out other than those provided by the Glen Ellyn Park District.

3rd-8th GRADE RULES

Equipment

- Soccer cleats (recommended for safety)
- Shin guards (must be covered with socks)
- Any eyewear must be protective (required)
- Soccer ball size #4 (3rd grade – 6th grade)
- Soccer ball size #5 (7th grade – 8th grade)
- Water bottle (required)
- NO jewelry
- Sports attire (NO jeans)

Structure

- Four 10-minute quarters of 7v7 on a 60x45 field (3rd/4th Grade).
- Four 12-minute quarters of 9v9 on an 80x55 field (5th/6th Grade).
- Two 30-minute halves of 11v11 on a 110x70 field (7th/8th Grade).

- Referees will be provided for all games.
- Each player must play at least one-half of the game.

Playing Rules

- Periods begin with a kick-off from the center line, alternating teams each period. Opponents must be behind the midfield line.
- Kick-offs can be in any direction.
- After a goal is scored, the restart of the game should begin from the center line with a kick-off. Opponents must be behind the midfield line.
- Coaches must keep the goal difference to three or less.
- The goalkeeper has possession of the ball when one or both hands are holding or touching the ball. Possession is also any part of the goalkeeper's body on the ball.
- Goalkeepers may throw, roll, or kick the ball after a save. Punting is allowed.
- NO SLIDE TACKLING is permitted.
- Heading the ball, intentional or accidental, is not permitted. Play will restart with an indirect free kick. **Heading the ball is only permitted in the 7th/8th grade leagues.**
- Throw-ins will be taking for any ball going out of play over the sideline.
- Substitutions are allowed at stoppages during the game.
- Offsides will be called all season.
- 5th-8th grade leagues will have a post-season tournament at the end of the season.
- No trophies or awards of any type should be given out other than those provided by the Glen Ellyn Park District.

REFEREES

1. The referee is responsible for the control of the game and holds the authority for the duration of the game.
2. Any decision the referee makes during a game are considered final.
3. Abusive language, conduct, behavior, or threats to referees by players or spectators will not be tolerated. Any person in violation of this will be removed from the facility.

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Good sportsmanship is mandatory at all times on and off the field. Park District staff reserve the right to dismiss any disruptive patrons from the facility.
2. Players or coaches using profanity against referees, players, captains, parents, or staff may be suspended from the game and asked to leave the facility.
3. Teams found to be guilty of playing ineligible players shall forfeit all games in which those players participated.
4. Fighting or instigating a fight will not be tolerated. The game shall be terminated, and additional penalties may be applied to the team and players after a referee report and league investigation. Additional penalties may include but not limited to expulsion, monetary fines, or point deductions.
5. Anyone found guilty of willfully damaging Glen Ellyn Park District property will be banned from the facility and face legal action.
6. Any spectator who enters the field of play will be removed from the facility and the game will result in a forfeit for that team. Additional league sanctions or penalties may also be applied pending an umpire report.

TIEBREAKER POLICY FOR PLAYOFFS (5th-8th Grade ONLY)

1. Should there be two or more teams with the same record at the end of the season, the following tiebreakers will be applied:
 - Head to Head record
 - Goal Differential

- Average Goals Against
- Forfeits
- Coin Flip

2. If a playoff game ends in a tie, a 5-minute golden goal period will be played. If the game is still tied after the overtime period, the game will move to a shootout. Each team selects five players to participate in the shootout and ONE goalkeeper. Players or goalkeepers are not permitted to be substituted during the shootout. If the game is still tied after the shootout, each team will select one additional player to shoot. This will continue until a winner is determined.

FORFEITS (5th-8th Grade ONLY)

1. Any game resulting in a forfeit will be recorded as 2-0 result in the league standings.
2. A game shall be considered a forfeit for the following:
 - A team is unable to take the field by 5-minutes after the designated start time
 - Refusing to take the field of play
 - A team does not have enough legal players to begin or continue the game
 - Use of any illegal players

PROTESTS

Protests will not be allowed except with regards to eligibility. Judgement calls cannot be protested. Protests will not be allowed in any post-season tournament.

RULE VIOLATIONS (CONDUCT)

1. **Use of tobacco products is prohibited within the playing/spectator areas of Ackerman Park by all participants, spectators, and staff. Violation of this rule may result in forfeiture of the game.**
2. Active participation in any type of disorderly conduct (fighting, etc.) will result in expulsion from the league for a minimum of one (1) full year, beginning the day of the incident, for the player and possibly the team.
3. We ask that you respect the rights of the referees and Park District Staff. If, for any reason, a referee or Park District Staff is physically or verbally threatened or abused, or struck by a player or coach before, during or after a game, that person will be expelled from participation in any league indefinitely.
4. Use of excessive foul language by spectators, or spectators in possession of alcohol on park property, must be policed by their respective team members. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of the game.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. If you have any questions regarding the league, please contact Brad Thomas, Recreation Supervisor, at 630-858-2462 x 148.
2. Teams are reminded that the Glen Ellyn Park District does not carry medical insurance covering injuries incurred while participating in the Glen Ellyn Park District House Soccer Leagues.
4. League information, including schedules, standings, and rainout information will be available at ***www.gepark.org***.
5. The Glen Ellyn Park District reserves the right to modify any and all league rules, regulations, and procedures as necessary.