

## Larchwood Soccer Club Soccer Rules

	Preschool	TK – 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Ball Size	3	3	4
Required Equipment	Shin guards	Shin guards	Shin guards
Cleats	No toe cleat	No toe cleat	No toe cleat
Field Size	20 x 30	30 x 40	35 x 50
Players on the Field	3 v 3	4 v 4	7 v 7
Goalies	No	No	Yes
Game Length	4 - 6 min quarters	4 - 8 min quarters	4 - 12 min quarters
Substitutions	Anytime	Allowed anytime play is stopped but most sub at the start of the quarter and halfway through each quarter	Allowed anytime play is stopped but most sub at the start of the quarter and halfway through each quarter
Playing time	Equal	Equal	Everyone needs to play at least half the game
Illegal throw in	Redo coaches explain error to player	Redo coaches explain error to player	Results in other teams throw in but please explain reason to player
Build out line	Half line on goal kicks	Half line on goal kicks	Half line on goal kicks and goalie possession
Offsides	No	No	Yes
Free Kicks	100% Indirect	100% Indirect	Standard soccer rules. Fouls, corner kicks, goal kicks, and kick offs are direct.

### RESCHEDULING GAMES DUE TO BAD WEATHER OR FIELD CONDITIONS

Games may be rescheduled due to inclement weather or potential damage to the fields or potential for injury. The LBC Board will announce the change of schedule by emailing the coaches.

### RESCHEDULING GAMES DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS

Coaches that are unable to field a team because of a conflict should arrange with the coach from the other team and update the field schedule with the updated time of the game and let the soccer director know the new game time.

### **THE START OF PLAY**

The team listed first on the schedule gets the kickoff to start or whoever the coaches agree to if they don't have the schedule.

First team will kick off the 1st and 3rd quarters and the other team will kick off the 2nd and 4th quarters.

Teams will change directions at the half.

### **Kickoffs**

At the start of the match, after a goal has been scored, and at the start of each quarter/half.

A kickoff is a direct kick so a goal may be scored from the kick.

All players except for the kicker must be on their half of the field.

Opponents must be at least 10 yards away from the ball until it is put in play(center circle)

The kicker cannot touch the ball a second time until it is touched by another player. (If this does happen, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the spot where the infringement occurred).

### **Out of Bounds**

The ball is out of bounds when the entirety of the ball has passed the entirety of the line. The line is in bounds and part of play.

### **Throw-Ins**

A throw in is awarded to the opposing team when a player kicks or is the last to touch the ball prior to it going out of bounds on the touch lines.(sidelines)

Ball must go behind the head with both hands. Both feet must be on the ground when the ball leaves the hands.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

The ball must be touched by another player prior to the thrower kicking the ball when in play. An indirect kick would be awarded to the opposing team.

### **Goal Kicks**

A goal kick is awarded when the attacking team is last touch the ball and it crosses the goal line (end lines)

The ball may be placed anywhere within the goal box to take the kick.

A goal kick is an indirect kick and needs to be touched by another player besides the kicker before scoring.

### **Corner Kicks**

A corner kick is awarded when the defending team is last to touch the ball and it crosses the goal line.

The ball is placed at either corner within 1 yard of where the touchline and goal line meet.

A corner kick is a direct kick the ball may be scored without touching any other players.

### **SCORING**

A goal is scored when the entirety of the ball has passed the entirety of the line in between the goalposts and under the crossbar.

### **FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

An indirect free kick means that the ball needs to be touched by the kicker and at least one additional player prior to scoring.

Free kicks are placed at the spot of the foul except for a goalie handling a pass from his own teammate with his hands or a goalie handling the ball with their hands twice without any one else touching in between the ball is moved to the nearest spot on the goal box.

Indirect free kicks are awarded for goalie using their hands when a player on their teams passes them the ball, a player touches the ball twice in a row after a restart, offsides, dissent, or other unsportsmanlike conduct.

If the kicker or thrower touches the ball twice in a row an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team.

### **PENALTY KICK**

A penalty kick is awarded if any foul or hands/arms are used by a player inside his/her own penalty area, irrespective of the ball's position. Only the shooter and goalie are allowed in the penalty box until the ball is kicked. The ball is placed 10 yards in front of the goal for a penalty kick.

### **OFFSIDES**

The offensive player must have 2 defensive players closer to the scoring goal when the ball is last touched by his teammate. There is no offsides on the half of the field the offensive player is defending. If play is close it will be allowed to continue. The main point here is to avoid cherry picking or having someone stay close to their offensive goal.

### **BUILD OUT LINES**

To encourage players to play out of the back instead of clearing the ball we will institute the US Soccer recommendation of a build out line.

On a goal kick the opposing team needs to move behind the half line. The kicker may take a kick before the opposing team is behind the half line but the 6 second clock doesn't start until the opposing team is on their half of the field.

In the 2nd-4th grade division there will also be a build out line when the goalie has possession of the ball in their hands. The opposing team needs to move to their side of the field before the 6 second clock to kick begins. The goalie may choose to put the ball in play prior to the opposing team moving behind the half line. If the goalie chooses to drop the ball to their feet to play, the ball is considered back in play.