

Team Conduct - This is probably the biggest issue that will go a long way toward everyone's enjoyment this season. These games should be viewed as **friendlies** by coaches, players, and fans and behavior and sportsmanship should reflect that notion. The players will take their lead from you so please make sure you are setting the correct tone for the games. Everyone wants their teams to play hard, but if you see a player on your team crossing the line, please pull them off the field before the officials have to. It is our hope that every player leaves the Summer league season healthy and able to play their upcoming high school season. Please do your best to police your own team.

Game rules – With the exception of some changes listed below, the KC Champions Summer League will follow current NFHS soccer rules.

Slide Tackles - **THERE ARE NO SLIDE TACKLES AT ANY TIME DURING THE SUMMER LEAGUE!** Any time a player attempts a slide tackle a DIRECT KICK will be given to the opposing team. THAT MEANS IF A PLAYER ATTEMPTS A SLIDE TACKLE IN THE PENALTY BOX IT WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC PK!!! This is all in effort to keep the players safe. PLEASE inform your players, and if necessary your parents, so they are aware of this game situation. However, they may slide if no one is around, (like trying to keep a ball in play).

Games - Teams are playing 6 games during the season with 35 minute halves of running clock. With hot temps expected the referee reserves the right to provide a water break mid-way through the half. Water breaks should be limited to approx. 3 minutes each and half time will be a respite of 5 minutes. We do provide 3 game balls for each field. If a ball leaves the immediate playing area we've instructed the officials to ask the nearest bench to send a substitute player for it. Please help the refs keep track of the balls.

Officials - We have what we think are very good high school officials. However, in sport there will always be incorrect calls in which some will go for you and others will go against you. That is part of it and officials don't need comments every single time they blow the whistle. Please keep this in mind. We instruct them not to let things get out of hand so they may call it tighter than you're used to. However, we also ask them to be restrained when issuing cards. If a player is getting close to a yellow, we'd rather see them have a quick conversation with the player and possibly ask the coach to sub the player. If you are asked to sub the player, please do so without complaint. Just give them a breather before putting them back in. Putting them back at midfield to sub in as soon as they were sent off sends the wrong message in a "friendly" event. If a player receives a RED Card, the league staff will review to determine an amount of game(s) penalty.

Weather - As you might expect for this time of year it will be hot with a chance for a shower each day. The Overland Park and Recreation reserves the right to make the final decision on all weather-related delays or cancellations. Our website has a 'Rainout' signup for any coach, player, or parent to access to have immediate information on weather delays/cancellations. The facility is furnished with weather/lightening tracking equipment that will be monitored by their staff. **If we need to make any schedule adjustments due to weather, please pay attention to the website.**

Water – We do not provide water/hydration. Please bring your own.

Score/Results – All regular season games will have a result at the end of the two 35-minute halves. If the game ends in a tie, there will be NO overtime period or penalty shots.

Cross-Over Placement Game – The final cross-over game opponent will be determined by the team success during the season. The following point system will be in place to determine overall standings.

- 3 Point – Win
- 1 Point – Tie
- 0 Point - Loss