

CITY OF CLOVIS RECREATION

TINY KICKERS & U8 LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SPRING 2026

Goals of the Program:

- To teach skills, build character, and have fun.
- To promote fair play and sportsmanship!

The City of Clovis Recreation reserves the right to modify these rules at any time.

❖ **GAME TIME**

- **Tiny Kickers** – Four (4) seven (7) minute quarters running clock time
- **Under 8** – Four (4) ten (10) minute quarters running clock time

❖ **REQUIRED PLAYING TIME**

EVERY CHILD ON THE ROSTER MUST PLAY BASED ON THE RULES BELOW

- Each player must play a minimum of **5 uninterrupted minutes per half**. This rule will take effect in the 1st and 3rd quarters, allowing coaches to sub freely in the 2nd and 4th quarters.
- Failure to do so will result in forfeit of the game
- Coaches are responsible for substitutions
- Once a player is checked into the game, they cannot be subbed out till their 5 minutes of playing time has been completed.
- No player can be benched from playing unless they are given a penalty card
- Players that arrive late but during the first half are only required to play the minimum required time in the second half. Players that arrive late in the second half are not required to play.

❖ **SCORE**

- **Tiny Kickers** – Score will be kept, however standings will not
- **Under 8** – Score and standings will be kept

❖ **OVERTIME: For Tournament Play Only**

Under 8

- In the case of a tie, an overtime period of a five (5) minute clock will be used until a winner is determined; first team to score wins
- Each team will be allowed one (1) time out during that overtime period.
- If after the five (5) minute period a team hasn't scored, we will go to a shootout
- **Shootout:** One player from each team takes a kick each round. The first time one team scores and the other misses, that team wins.

❖ **FORFEIT OF GAME**

A team must have at least four (4) eligible players ready to play by five (5) minutes after the scheduled game time. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of the game. If a team loses a player (such as injury) and the total number of players on the team that are eligible to play is less than four, the game will be called. Teams may utilize remaining time to scrimmage or practice; however, officials and scorekeepers will not be permitted to work.

❖ **OFFENSE**

- Tiny Kickers: 4 v 4 league (No keeper)
- Under 8: 5 v 5 league (No keeper)
- One coach from each team is allowed on the field to guide players
- No keepers are allowed
- Players CANNOT enter the keeper's box
- Coaches can substitute on a dead ball only

❖ **PENALTIES**

- When players are fouled, they will be awarded a free kick
- If a player kicks the ball out of play, the opposite team will receive a throw in
- A free kick will be given at the point where an infraction occurred unless the infraction was in the keeper's area.
- All free kicks will be direct kicks
- All free kicks, kick-offs, or kick-ins require a clearance of six feet from the opposing team
- **NO SLIDING IS ALLOWED**

❖ **DRESS CODE**

- Players must wear the uniform provided by the City of Clovis Recreation.
- Uniforms should be tucked in, and shorts should be worn properly (on the hips).
- Headgear for medical, cosmetic, or religious reasons may be permitted, provided it is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous, to any other player and which is attached in such a way it will come off during play. The Recreation staff or officials will rule on any headgear.
- **NO JEWELRY OF ANY KIND**

❖ **EQUIPMENT**

- Size 3 ball
- Shin guards are **MANDATORY**

❖ **COACHES CONDUCT**

- Coaches are very important role models for children in athletics. It is the coaches' responsibility to develop self-esteem, confidence, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude in the children that he/she coaches.

- Coaches should always keep their tempers in control and watch their conduct around the children. This includes practice, games, or any other The City of Clovis Recreation activity.
- The City of Clovis Recreation will take any action necessary to ensure that all coaches display proper conduct.
- If coaches display unsportsmanlike conduct during a game, they will be given a yellow after the first warning.
- If coaches continue to display unsportsmanlike conduct after a yellow card, they will be ejected from the game.
- Any Coach who is ejected from a game will also be suspended during the team's next scheduled game. Also, the right to coach a future team can be denied. (To be determined by The City of Clovis Recreation).
- ***YELLING AT OFFICIALS, PLAYERS, OR STAFF WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.***

❖ **SPECTATORS CONDUCT**

- If parents or spectators from a particular team display unsportsmanlike conduct during a game, their coach will be given a yellow card. It is important that coaches explain this to their parents & spectators.
- ***YELLING AT OFFICIALS, PLAYERS, OR STAFF WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.*** Coaches need to help keep parents/spectators cheering for the players and not yelling at officials so as not to take away from the child's experience.
- If parents or spectators continue to display unsportsmanlike conduct after a yellow card, they will be ejected from the game.
- **SPECTATORS ARE PERMITTED TO SIT OPPOSITE OF TEAM BENCHES**
- **ONLY COACHES** may be on the field with the players