

Memphis Shelby PAL
Soccer By-Laws AND Playing Rules



Article I

I. Soccer Playing Guidelines

- A. All games played in The Association will be governed by the National Federation Rules (TSSAA) except where specifically designed Memphis Shelby PAL rules are in effect.
- B. The Soccer Season shall begin the last Tuesday of February (February 23, 2021) and continue until the end of the season.
- C. *Age Divisions:*
 - 1. PAL Beginners: A player must be 4 years of age on or before September 1st of 2020 to play in this current season. Ages that can play on the Beginners teams are 4 and 5 ONLY!!!!
 - 2. PAL Intermediate: A player must be 6 years of age on or before September 1st of 2020 to play in this current season. Ages that can play on the Intermediate Team is 6, 7, and 8.
 - 3. PAL Advance: A player must be 9 years of age on or before September 1st of 2020 to play in this current season. Ages that can play on the Advance Team is 9, 10, and 11.
- D. No players may participate on any other soccer team, league, group, squad, club etc., until the season is over.

II. Playing Facilities

- A. *Dimensions*- The field of play shall be rectangular, the width of which shall not be more than 75 yards [68.58 m] or less than 70 yards [64.01 m] and shall not exceed the length. The length shall not be more than 120 yards [109.73 m] or less than 115 yards [105.16 m].
- B. *Corner Flags*- A flag on a post not less than 5 feet [1.53 m] high and having a nonpoint top shall be placed at each corner; a similar flag post may be placed opposite the halfway line on each side of the field of play, at least 1 yard [.914 m] outside the touch line. The post shall be approximately 1½ inches [3.81 cm] in diameter. The corner flag shall not be removed for any purpose during the game. The flag shall be of some bright color, easily distinguishable from the surroundings, and shall be about 2 feet [60.96 cm] long by 1 foot [30.48 cm] wide and securely fastened to the post or staff.

- C. *Goals*- The goals shall be anchored, secured, or counterweighted. The goal posts, which shall be superimposed on goal lines of the same width and depth, shall consist of two posts, equidistant from the corner flags and 8 yards [7.32 m] apart (inside measurement), joined by a horizontal crossbar of similar material, the lower edge of which shall be 8 feet [2.44 m] from the ground. The width or diameter of the goal posts and crossbar shall not be less than 4 inches [10.16 cm] nor more than 5 inches [12.7 cm]. The posts and crossbar may be square, rectangular, round, or elliptical in shape, and shall be painted white.
- D. *Boundary Lines*-The field shall be marked with distinctive lines. The lines shall meet at the corners; that is, the goal lines shall extend completely across the field of play, including the area between the goal posts, and the touch lines shall extend the entire length of the field.
- E. *Goal Area*- At each end of the field of play, two lines shall be drawn at right angles to the goal line, 6 yards [5.49 m] from the inside of each goal post. These shall extend into the field of play for 6 yards [5.49 m] and shall be joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. Each of the spaces enclosed by these lines and the goal line shall be called a goal area.

III. The Soccer Ball

- A. Each team needs their own type of Soccer Ball
 - Beginners (4 and 5)- Size #3
 - Intermediate (6, 7, and 8) Size #3
 - Advance (9, 10, and 11) Size #4

IV. Playing Rules

- A. *Sideline Demeanors*-All parents, siblings, and spectators are encouraged to show good sportsmanship and REFRAIN from negative behavior on the sidelines of all games. Player's and their parents' behavior reflect on the team and affects the child's performance. Family Members should understand that our soccer coaches can be ejected from our games should a Family Member behave improperly. Family Members should understand that unacceptable behavior by a "Player" parent or other family member or friend may be addressed by a referee or a team official asking the offending person to leave the game, the facility, or removing the player from the game.

B. *Coach Decisions*-All team and coaching decisions will be made by the coaching staff which is assigned by the Soccer Coordinator. Parents and players will be given the opportunity to evaluate their coaches at the end of season.

C. *Playing Time and Number of Players*

<u>Age</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Number of Players</u>
4 & 5	2- 10mins Halves	3 vs 3 No Goalkeeper
6, 7, and 8	2- 20min Halves	4 vs 4 plus a Goalkeeper
9, 10, and 11	2- 25min Halves	7 vs 7 plus a Goalkeeper

D. *Conduct of Teams*

All team members participating in Soccer must abide by the following code of conduct and always show good sportsmanship by:

- (a) Refrain from using obscene language and gestures.
- (b) Avoid the use of alcohol, tobacco, or any other illegal substance.
- (c) Respect officials, coaches, and the players from other teams.
- (d) Respect the school and parish gyms and fields used.
- (e) Be a good winner and a kind loser.
- (f) Accept the responsibility for your own actions.

V. Uniforms

- A. Teams members should come to game "READY TO PLAY"! Team members should not exchange jersey, shorts, shin guards, stockings, or shoes. Shin guards are mandatory and MUST be worn under stockings.
- B. Goalkeeper- The Goalkeeper must wear a jersey that set them apart from their teammates and stockings that distinguish them from the other players
- C. Jewelry- Players may not wear anything consider dangerous to another player. Jewelry must not be worn except for medical bracelet or necklace and must be secured to the body.
- D. Coaches- Coaches are expected to be in uniform, (everyone wearing the same attire) neat, and clean at all games.

Article II

I. **Registration**

- A. The following documentation is required for online for Memphis Shelby PAL Soccer.
 - 1. Properly completely Memphis Shelby PAL Online Registration Form.
 - 2. Document to verify date of birth (Birth Certificate, Shot Record, Government Issued ID)
 - 3. Current Photograph. (Parents cannot fax over a photo of their child)
 - 4. Some participants maybe required to obtain a medical release for certain medical problems, such as Asthma.

- B. No players will be allowed to participate with any organization until properly registered with Memphis Shelby PAL. Proper registration is defined as all required documentation being turned in to the Memphis Shelby PAL Secretary and the player being listed on the Memphis Shelby PAL Team Roster.

Article III

I. **Practices**

- A. Practice will begin at the end of February 2020.
- B. Practice will be twice a week on Monday's and Wednesday (days could change)
- C. Practice Times and Location
 - 1. Beginners- 30 to 45mins at Greenhill
 - 2. Intermediate-1 hour at Greenhill
 - 3. Advance-1-2hours at Greenhill
- D. Coaches should be at the practice location 30 mins prior. By doing this, they can make sure that the playing field set up and ready to go for the players.
- E. Players should notify coaches if he/she cannot make it to practice.
- F. Coaches should also notify the Soccer Coordinator if he/she will be absent or late.
- G. Once practice is over, players, should help coaches clear the field.