

General league rules that apply to all age groups

Substitutions are unlimited in number and may take place whenever there is a stoppage, and the ball is out of play.

All players are to play a minimum of ½ of each half. They can play more but not less.

Because of limits on when you can sub, you may not be able to hit this mark exactly, but coaches must try their best to do so.

Playing time may be reduced due to injury or illness.

Playing time may be reduced for disciplinary reasons, but this must be discussed with the player's parents and reported to the ROFC Administrator.

Lack of playing ability is not a reason to restrict playing time.

Teams are to take opposite sides of the field unless only 1 side is available

On a North - south field, home takes the east side, away team the west side

On an East -west field, home team takes the north side, away team the south side

If only 1 side is available, home team gets choice of ends

Coaching is to take place between the front edges of the penalty box on your team's side of the field

If only 1 side is available coaching is to take place between the ½ way line and then front edge of the penalty box on your team's end of the field

NOTE: There are exceptions for 1st grade & Preschool & Kindergarten

The referee shall determine if the field is unplayable.

Officials of ROFC or the City or School board may also determine if a field is unplayable. If they do so, the teams and referees will be notified. Teams may not play games on fields that are closed.

Games and practices must be suspended for:

Tornado Warning

Thunder/Lightning Game or practice will be suspended until 30 minutes after the last sighted lightning strike or audible thunder

Teams may not use game fields for practices except that each team gets 1 practice per season on a game field.

This must be arranged with the ROFC Administrator and scheduler.

NOTE: This includes not using game fields for another age group.

Example a 2nd grade team cannot use a field meant for 4th grade.

Referees

In case the assigned referee fails to appear or becomes incapacitated a referee may be appointed by mutual agreement by both teams prior to the start of the game. Once appointed, that person becomes the official referee for that game. As such her/his decisions are final. If the assigned referee arrives late, after play has begun with a substitute referee, they may not take over until there is a convenient stoppage in play. If a substitute referee is used, the reason should be noted on the game sheet, if one is used. If no substitute referee can be found, the game will be postponed, and this must be reported to the ROFC Administrator.

If a game cannot be played, then scheduled referees who show up at the field are entitled to full game fee, unless informed in advance by the referee assignor that the game is cancelled

The home team pays the referee.

Yellow & Red cards

Must be reported on the game sheet if one is used

Must be reported to the ROFC Administrator

Upon receiving a third caution (yellow card) or an ejection (red card) the player or coach will receive an automatic one game suspension which will be served at the next game unless the ROFC Board waives the suspension or imposes another penalty in addition or in place of the suspension.