

# SOCCER GENERAL LEAGUE INFORMATION

- All participants **MUST** wear a Sgt Bluff Youth Sports jersey, purchased and picked up at the Recreation Department. Each player must have his/her own jersey-they cannot borrow from another player waiting to sub into the game.
- Shin guards are **mandatory and must be covered**. You can purchase these at most retail stores.
- **No sliding at any age group**- This is a safety issue.
- **NO JEWELRY** may be worn-**NO TAPING** of earrings. No barrettes, no beads and no hair clips. The player will be asked to take them out. This is for the safety of the player.
- Casts must be completely covered with padding and approved by the youth sports personnel.
- All boys and girls must register and have fees paid at the Sgt Bluff Parks & Recreation Department to be eligible. Players will be assigned to a team by the Parks & Recreation staff.
- **Practices**
  - Pre-K will be held from the top of the hour for 20 minutes followed by the game.
  - K/1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> practices will be scheduled by the coaches.
- All players will play equal portions of each game.
- Each team is responsible for making sure that the sideline area is left litter free after each game. Please have your players take home their belongings.
- Report all accidents and/or incidents to the Site Supervisor. They will write a report on what happened and take all the information to the Sgt Bluff Parks & Recreation Department.
- If you have any questions, concerns, or problems – please call the Sgt Bluff Parks & Recreation Department at the Sgt Bluff Community Center at 712-943-5800.

## Field Location

All games will be played at the Sgt Bluff Recreation Complex in Sergeant Bluff, IA. Directions to the complex: The recreation complex is located just east of Highway 75, south of First Street and Hwy 75 intersection.

## Sgt Bluff Parks & Recreation Voice Mail

The Parks & Recreation voice mail number is **(712) 943-5800**. If you have any questions about game cancellations due to bad weather situations, please call this number.

## No Tolerance Policy

Due to an ever-increasing tendency for coaches and parents to verbally harass

Game personnel and players, the Sgt Bluff Parks & Recreation Department has a No Tolerance Policy throughout the Youth Sports Program. Learning is to provide a fun learning environment for the youth in our programs and to provide positive role models for young people to mentor from. If this policy is violated, you will be asked to leave and may be banned from this and other parks and recreation activities.

**Pre- K DIVISION- Size 3 ball (THIS IS A SEPRATE REGISTRATION)**

1. All participants must wear a Sgt Bluff Parks & Recreation sports jersey.
  2. Shin guards are **MANDATORY and must be covered.**
  3. **No jewelry, barrettes, beads, or hair clips** may be worn.
  4. Tennis shoes or rubber soccer cleats may be worn.
  5. The playing field is approximately 75' x 60'.
  6. There are a maximum of 5 players on a team
  7. There will be a maximum of 3 players on the playing field. There is no goalie (there is no defensive player that "hangs" back by the goal).
  8. The score is not kept.
  9. The game will consist of a 20-minute practice, with a 30-minute game.
  10. Visiting (black) team will kick off.
  11. The player kicking off at center field cannot touch the ball again until another player on the field has touched it.
  12. A ball that is out of bound on the sidelines is a throw-in.
  13. "Hands Ball" – when the ball touches the player anywhere from the shoulder on down to the hand. If "incidental" or "no advantage" then there is no penalty.
- \*\* Penalty\*\*** - indirect kick. This means that the ball is placed where the infraction occurred. Another player must touch the ball before going into the goal.
14. **NO SLIDING ALLOWED!** All participants need to stay on their feet, before and after making contact with the ball.
  15. Either team can make substitutions on any throw in, goal, corner kick, or defensive kick.
  16. **REFS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT AND GAMES WILL BE REFEREED BY PARENTS OF THE PLAYERS**

**K-1<sup>st</sup> Size 3 ball & 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Size 4 ball GIRLS & BOYS DIVISION**

1. All participants **MUST** wear a Sgt Bluff Parks & Recreation sports jersey.
2. Shin guards are **MANDATORY and must be covered.**
3. There is a maximum of 6 players on the field- 3-forwards- 2-defensive players and 1 goalie. Offensive players may not cross into the defensive zone, vice versa for defensive players. A penalty will not be called for a player crossing the center line, but the referee and coaches will both tell the player to cross back over. There must be a minimum of 5 players to start a game.
4. There will be a maximum of 9 players per team except when permitted due to registration.
5. The playing field is approximately 120' x 75' for K-1, 2-3.
6. The game will consist of two 20-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime.
7. No time outs are allowed; play will stop for injuries and by the referee.
8. No overtime will be played
9. Only indirect kicks will be used.
10. Score will **NOT** be kept.
11. A ball that is out of bounds on the sidelines is a throw-in. Balls that go out the end line by the defense will be corner kicks. Balls that go out the end line by the offensive team will be goal kicks.
12. **NO SLIDING! This is a safety issue.** All participants need to stay on their feet, before and after making contact with the ball.
13. Substitutions are allowed on any dead ball or goal

14. **GOALIE-** The goalie may pick up the ball and has **10 seconds** to kick or throw the ball to another player. The goalie cannot hold the ball to delay the game. Violation will result in the opposing team getting an indirect kick at the point closest to the infraction-outside of the goalie box.

15. **Penalties will be handled as followed:**

The whistle will be blown, the offense will be explained to the player, and the team will **keep control** of the ball with an indirect kick\* **NO DIRECT KICKS**

\*Any foul **will** result in change of possession.

#### **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> DIVISION Size 5 Ball**

1. All participants **MUST** wear a Sgt Bluff Parks & Recreation sports jersey.

2. Shin guards are **MANDATORY and must be covered.**

3. Number of players on field will be dependent on number of participants registered. There will be a maximum of 7 players on a field at a time for Girls Division(3 forwards, 1 rover, 2 defenders, and 1 goalie) and 8 players for Boys Division (3 forwards, 2 rovers, 2 defenders, and 1 goalie).

4. The playing field is approximately 150' x 80'.

5. The game will consist of two **20-minute** halves with a 5-minute halftime.

6. No time outs are allowed; play will stop for injuries and by the referee.

7. No overtime will be played

8. Only indirect kicks will be used.

9. Score will **NOT** be kept.

10. A ball that is out of bounds on the sidelines is a throw-in. Balls that go out the end line by the defense will be corner kicks. Balls that go out the end line by the offensive team will be goal kicks.

11. **NO SLIDING! This is a safety issue.** All participants need to stay on their feet, before and after making contact with the ball.

12. **Offside-** This will be enforced to the best of the ability of our refs. This will be a learning process for everyone, our high school refs included! If you need help understanding the rule, the following link is helpful: [https://www.fifa.com/mm/document/afdeveloping/refereeing/5.%20law%2011\\_554.pdf](https://www.fifa.com/mm/document/afdeveloping/refereeing/5.%20law%2011_554.pdf)

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#### **Make-up game policy**

Sergeant Bluff Parks and Recreation reserves the right to postpone, reschedule, or cancel any game during our league times if circumstances justify such action. All scheduled games postponed due to inclement weather, darkness, or other reasons beyond the control of game officials may be rescheduled, if possible, but only by the Parks and Recreation Department. Teams are not allowed to reschedule their own makeup games. If this happens players and coaches may be suspended from future Parks and Rec leagues.

#### **Code of conduct**

All participants including, but not limited to players, coaches, officials, and spectators are expected to adhere to the Sergeant Bluff Parks and Recreation rules and standards. This is a recreational league meant to develop and instill a love of the game in which these participants are playing. Parks and recreation staff reserves the right to not only remove but also refuse entry to those who do not abide by our code of conduct policy.

Good sportsmanship is a must. League officials reserve the right to remove anyone for conduct deemed to be detrimental to the league, towards players on any team, other fans, or officials in the performance of their duties!