



Goshen Sharks Soccer League Rules: 6-9 League

IHSAA rules will be followed in all cases except where noted below:

- Games will be played with a 5 size soccer ball.
- Games will be played either 7 vs. 7 or 8 vs. 8 depending on the number of players available for both teams. Each team should have at least two substitutes.
- Games will be played in two 20 minute halves with a running clock. Halftime will consist of 5 minutes.
- A coin toss will decide ball possession and side of field. The team that wins the coin toss will decide which goal to attack. The other team will take the kick-off.
- At the beginning of the second half, teams will switch sides of the field. The kick-off shall be taken by the team which defended the first half kick-off.
- Substitutions can be made as much as needed during play stoppages.
- Slide tackles are not allowed at any time.
- A goal cannot be directly scored on a kick-off. It must touch at least one other player on the team.
- Once the goalie has possession of the ball, the opposing team must back up at least five feet until the goalie has cleared the ball by throwing, punting or kicking off the ground.
- **Goshen Parks & Recreation encourages that all players receive equal playing time. All players must play at least half the game.**
- Rules governing league play may be changed by the League Director at any time in order to improve the league.

Please remember this is a recreational league. We are here to have fun!