

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Rules and Polices

NEW POLICY CHANGE EFFECTIVE, July 12, 2018

All children will play in their respective age groups for all Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Sports League.

(Field Hockey, Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball and Indoor Soccer)

I. ORGANIZATION

The Queen Anne's County Department of Parks and Recreation shall be the sponsoring agent of the Youth Indoor Soccer Program. The Gym Supervisor shall be the supervisor of the program.

II. AGE DIVISIONS

Peewee	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 4-5
Midget	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 6-7
Junior	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 8-10
Senior	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 11-13
Pro	Divisions	Boys and Girls	Ages 14-17

III. EQUIPMENT

Peewee and Midget leagues will use a #4 Soccer Ball. Junior and above leagues will use a regulation #5 Soccer Ball.

IV. COACHES DUTIES

1. To maintain proper sportsmanship conduct among team members and assistants.
2. To notify all team members of:
 - Rules, regulations and bylaws established by the league.
 - Schedule games and practices.
 - Cancellations and/or make-up games as indicated by the league.
 - To abide by all rules, regulations and bylaws set forth by the league.
 - To insure that every team member participates in this program according to each bylaws.
 - To monitor and enforce the Code of Conduct among the team members, coaches, spectators and parents.
 - Provide information to parents about Rainout line for possible game cancellations.
3. To demonstrate sportsmanship and not allow excessive score domination.
4. Coaches should notify the department when a player quits.
5. All League teams will be allowed one (1) coach and one (1) assistant. Coaches must be 18 years of age or older. All Coaches must complete the required background check and drug testing as required by Queen Anne's County. "NO" coach or assistant coach will be "ALLOWED" to occupy

the player's bench if they have not completed Queen Anne's County requirements to become a volunteer coach.

6. A soccer coach shall be sure his/her behavior sets a good example for the players on his/her team. He/she shall always remember to:
 - Don't criticize players in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for private, or in the presence of the team so all may benefit;
 - Respect and accept Official's (Referee's) calls;
 - Don't criticize the opposing team, it's coaches or fans, by word or gesture, or encourage fans to do so;
 - Don't allow a player to re-enter any game if injured.
7. Abide by the doctor's decision in all matters of a player's health and injuries. If a player is injured in a game or practices, they must give their coaches a doctor's excuse before playing or practicing again.
8. Coaches must report any injuries to the Gym Supervisor immediately upon his or her awareness of the injury (fill out accident report)
9. Head coaches are the only coaches to question an official about a call. Assistant coaches are not allowed to question an official concerning a call (do not stand during play). Coaches should not leave the bench area.
10. An adult (18 years or older) is required to be at each practice and game.

V. UNSPORTSMANLIKE OR UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

1. The Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Staff, and the Game Officials have the right to eject a player, coach or spectator from the premises for UNSPORTSMANLIKE conduct. The Department prohibits any ejected player or coach from further participation until reinstatement.
2. The use of alcohol, tobacco or other illegal substances by coaches, players or spectators will not be tolerated at games or practices. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances will be removed from the premises.
3. Any player, coach, or spectator guilty of striking an official in any manner during or after a game shall automatically be suspended indefinitely from participation in all leagues sponsored by the Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation.
4. Any coach ejected from a game, he/she must immediately leave the school or building for game they are playing. A coach ejected from game will automatically be suspended from the next game; a second ejection during the season will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season.
5. Any player ejected from a game, he/she must immediately leave gym for game they are playing. A player ejected from game will automatically be suspended from the next game; a second ejection during the season will result in an automatic suspension for the remainder of the season.

6. A coach, player or team follower shall not commit an UNSPORTSMANLIKE foul such as;
 - Disrespectfully addressing an official,
 - Attempt to influence the official's decision,
 - Use of profanity,
 - Disrespectfully addressing or baiting an opponent,
 - Object to an official's decision by rising from the bench and using gesture,
 - Incite undesirable crowd reactions, or
 - Incite squad members seated on the bench at any time.
7. The penalty for violating any part of Rule 6 will be the following. The first infraction is a verbal warning. The second infraction called for said violations shall cause the violator, coach, player or spectator to be removed from the premises. Refusal to comply may result in forfeiture of the game.
8. Only the authorized coach one (1) and assistant coach one (1) may occupy the player's bench, in addition to the uniformed players.
9. If a coach is ejected from a game, he/she must leave the gymnasium. If you are ejected a second time during the same season, then you will be removed from coaching.

VI. SCHOOL RULES

The following rules apply while using school facilities:

1. Non-playing children and spectators should remain in the gym and out of the hallways.
2. **NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL GYMS. Participant may have water (Water for Players Only).**
3. Children should remain seated on bleachers.
4. No smoking on school property.
5. No pets allowed.

VII. PLAYING RULES

1. All participants must have shin guards to play
2. DO NOT CUT YOUR TEAM SHIRT. Proper uniform is required. Game shirts must be worn and tucked in.
3. No hanging on the goals or pulling on the nets- this includes everyone.
4. No Offsides.
5. No Slide tackling.
6. On the kick off, the opposing team must be behind the red line. You can not score directly from a kick off. The ball must touch another person, before you second touch a ball. You can only score in your offensive end.
7. The goalie must distribute the ball after a save. The goalie may kick or throw the ball but the ball must hit the floor or touch a player before half court.
8. All kicks are direct. There should be a ten foot distance between the ball and the opposing team.
9. No boarding is allowed. This game is to improve your skills not for pushing and shoving.
10. All players should be at the gym 15 minutes prior to their game time.

11. If any player is found in unauthorized places in the school, that player will be suspended for one game. If the offense is repeated, the player will be suspended indefinitely.
12. No team player will be permitted on the playing court between games except those playing that scheduled game.
13. All coaches and parents must remain off the playing field /court area during games. Designated coaching areas should be observed.
14. No jewelry. Earrings or hard hairpieces may be worn during games. Soft hair bands are permitted. Medic Alert or religious jewelry must be taped to the body.
15. Players who wear external hearing aids should have them fastened securely, with tape if necessary, so that they cannot be jarred loose.
16. Hard casts or hard splints of any material are considered illegal equipment.
17. Participants wearing glasses must secure them with eyeglass strap.
18. Games will begin as scheduled, a five (5) minute grace period will be allowed for the first game only.
19. Physical examinations for all youths participating in the league are highly suggested prior to the beginning of practice, but are not required by the League.
20. After the completion of a game, both teams and coaches shall form two lines to congratulate each other and show sportsmanship.
21. NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS rules will be followed except for the above changes will govern play.

VIII. DIVISION RULES

1. IF YOU HAVE THE 12:30P.M. GAME, PLEASE HAVE PARENTS FROM EACH TEAM SHOW UP AT NOON TO HELP SET-UP THE GYM.
2. All games are running clock, NO Overtime. – Number of players and length of game will be noted on schedule. All games will be in 40 minute increments (12:30pm, 1:10pm, 1:40pm, etc)
3. All games will be played at home location, unless otherwise noted – 11-13 year old will play at both locations.
4. IF YOU HAVE THE LAST GAME, PLEASE STAY TO HELP BREAK-DOWN THE GYM.

IX. DRAFT

The Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation draft policy was developed to promote competitive balance among all teams within a league and fairly distribute players based on age and ability.

Queen Anne's County Park and Recreation will divide teams by age and gender.

X. INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. Queen Anne's County Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to arrange postponed games at its convenience in order to catch up with the schedule. The Department also reserves the right to cancel games if necessary due to conditions beyond our control.
2. Game Status can be found at Rain out Line - <https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/4102020705>
Will be updated by 10:00a.m. on Sundays. If weather conditions are questionable and you do not see cancelled message or get a call from your coach, you should report for your game as scheduled