

**Canmore Minor Soccer Club**  
**Mini Soccer Rules**

1. At the beginning of the game, flip a coin to decide which team starts with the ball.
2. At kick off, all players shall be in their own half of the field of play. All opposing players shall not be closer than 6 metres from the ball until it has been kicked and has moved forward. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward. If the ball is passed backwards, it is not in play. Start again.
3. The player taking the kick off can not play or touch the ball a second time before it has been touched by another player.
4. After a goal, the game is restarted by a kick off taken by the team that was scored against.
5. After the first half, the kick off shall be taken by the team that didn't take the kick off at the start of the game.
6. There is no offside rule.
7. If the referee sees a foul; some one kicked, tripped, jumped at, ran at, hit, pushed, held an opponent, or the ball touched a players hand/arm deliberately, play is stopped and the other team takes a free kick
8. The free kick is taken from the spot of the foul. The ball needs to be stationary and all opponents need to be at least 6 metres away from the ball. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
9. The player taking the free kick can not play or touch the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player.
10. A goal can be scored directly from a free kick.
11. Because our fields do not have a penalty area marked around the goal, any foul near the goal should have a free kick taken. If the spot of the foul is within 5 metres of the goal, back the ball up about 5 more metres and take the free kick from there.
12. If the ball goes out of play across a side line, the team that did not touch it last takes a throw in to put the ball back into play. During a throw in, the player needs; 1) both feet on the ground, 2) to be behind the side line, 3) to face the field of play, 4) to use both hands to deliver the ball from behind and over their head.
13. The player taking the throw in must not play the ball before another player has played it.
14. If the whole of the ball has crossed the end line, but was not a goal, and was last touched by the attacking team, a goal kick is awarded to the defending team. The ball is kicked into play from the ground anywhere near the goal.
15. When a goal kick is taken, all opponents need to be at least 6 metres from the ball until it has been kicked.
16. The player taking the goal kick (usually the goalie), can not touch the ball a second time before it has been played by another player.
17. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team.
18. If the whole of the ball has crossed the end line, but was not a goal, and was last touched by the defending team, a corner kick is awarded to the attacking team.
19. The corner kick shall be taken from the corner area nearest to where the ball crossed the end line. The ball must be kicked from the ground. All opponents shall be at least 6 metres from the ball until it has been kicked.
20. The player taking the corner kick shall not play the ball a second time before another player has touched it.
21. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team.