



Burlington Soccer Club

Referee modified outdoor house league 2020

Return to play Phase 2 modifications



2020 modified summer outdoor format

	U8	U10	U12	U14	U16
KICK IN	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
CORNERS	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
MATCH OFFICIAL	GAME LEADER	YES	YES	YES	YES
RETREAT LINE	1/2 WAY LINE	1/2 WAY LINE	1/3rd FIELD	NO	NO
# OF PLAYERS	5 V 5	5 V 5	7 V 7	7 V 7	6 V 6
DURATION	10 MIN PRACTICE 2 X 20 MIN HALVES	10 MIN PRACTICE 2 X 20 MIN HALVES	2 X 25 MIN HALVES	2 X 25 MIN HALVES	2 X 25 MIN HALVES
SUBSTITUTIONS	HALFTIME OPTIONAL ON THE FLY	HALFTIME OPTIONAL ON THE FLY	HALFTIME OPTIONAL ON THE FLY	HALFTIME OPTIONAL ON THE FLY	HALFTIME OPTIONAL ON THE FLY
BALL SIZE	3	4	4	5	5



Any player that receives treatment for injury with the exception of the goalkeeper 'must leave' the field play .

OF PLAYERS

For U12 and older a team must field no less than 5 players including a goalkeeper at the scheduled kick off time.

U16 will be min of 4 players due to it being 6 v 6.

A 10-min grace period will be given from the scheduled start time in order for a team to field the minimum number of players.

Failure to do so will result in a forfeit and score will be determined by the club.

PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

Players must wear their assigned uniforms.

Suitable footwear that does not pose a danger to the player or anyone else on the field may be worn.

The match official will be the one to determine what is suitable for use.

Shin guards must be worn and completely covered by the socks.

Absolutely **NO ITEMS OF JEWELRY** shall be worn. Using tape to cover jewelry is not acceptable.

Medic alerts must be shown to the match official if worn to ensure that they are secured and safe.



GAME DURATION (see chart for details)

All games will start promptly as per schedule and will finish after 55 mins after the scheduled start time. The match official / game leader will keep the official time and not award any extra time for stoppages.

KICK OFF, FREE KICKS AND PENALTIES (ball must be stationary for all)

Only 1 player will be in a position to play the ball at kick off at the beginning of each half or after a goal scored by the opposing team.

All other players shall be a minimum of 5 metres from the ball which can be kicked and clearly moved in any direction.

A goal MAY NOT be scored directly from a kick off.

Free kicks and penalty kicks will be awarded and taken in accordance with FIFA laws of the game, with following modifications:

Penalty kicks will be taken from the penalty mark or 3 metres above the penalty area line parallel to the goal line. If a penalty kick is awarded before the ref blows for half time or full time it must be completed.

All other free kicks are indirect.

Indirect free kicks will be awarded for all infractions except for those that occur inside the penalty area of the team that commits the infraction that the match official deems to be a foul whether intentional or not. These will be penalty kicks and will be the only free kick that is direct.



A goal cannot be scored directly from an indirect free kick unless the ball has been kicked and clearly moved by a team mate of the kicker before completely passing through the goal line, either on the ground or in the air and between the goal posts and under the crossbar, as long as no other infraction has occurred.
If the ball touches a player from the opposition before entering the goal legally a goal will be awarded.

Corner kicks are indirect and shall be taken from the place where the goal line and touch line meet closest to where the ball passed over the defending team's goal line last touched by the defending team.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a corner kick.

All opponents must be 5 metres from the ball for each free kick.

No free kick shall be taken from closer than 5 metres from the goal.



KICK IN

When the ball passes over the touchline whether on the floor or in the air, a kick in will be awarded to the opposition of the team that last touched the ball.

All opposition players must be a minimum of 3 metres from the place where the pass in takes place.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a kick in.

GOAL KICK

The ball must be stationary for a goal kick.

A goal kick is awarded when the ball passes over the goal line and not between the goal posts last touched by the team attacking that goal.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a goal kick.



RETREAT LINE

For U12 and under the retreat line will be respected on any goal kick or save by the goal keeper where the goal keeper picks up the ball.

U12 the retreat line will be 1/3rd of the field.

U8 to U10 the retreat line will be ½ the field.

Players from the opposition cannot cross the retreat line until:

- 1) A second player on the kicking team touches the ball.
- 2) The ball crosses the retreat line.
- 3) The ball goes out of play.

The ball must leave the penalty area to be in play, failure to do this will result in a retake.

If the goalkeeper touches the ball a second time after it is in play before being touched by anyone else, a free kick will be awarded to the opposition.

If a second player deliberately delays touching the ball, the match official can say “ball in play” if they feel this is tactical.

If the opposing team crosses the retreat line and gains an advantage by touching the ball or interfering with a player before the kicking team can successfully touch it, the goal kick shall be retaken.



CAUTIONS AND DISMISSALS (U12+ ONLY)

Cautions will be as per normal outdoor regulations and must be reported online.

Dismissals will also be as per normal outdoor regulations and must be reported online with the exception of a 5 min max for the team with the player dismissed to play a player less.

(See RTP rules for new cautions and dismissals).

A player that receives a second yellow card in the same game will no longer be able to participate in that game however the team will be able to replace the player after a 2-minute penalty has been served.

Straight red card offenses will be handled in a similar way where team of the player receiving the red card will serve a 5 minute penalty regardless of events on the field of play and will no longer take part in that game.

As this is only a 6 week modified program match officials are to use warnings where possible and only caution or dismiss when absolutely no other option exists.



PENALTY AREA

There will be an area in front of the goals called penalty area. If a deliberate handball by the defending team occurs within its own penalty area, a penalty will be given from 3 metres from the edge of the penalty area parallel to the goal line or the penalty mark if present.

New RTP rules prohibit heading the ball, this should be treated similar to handball.

Example:

Head to ball or ball to head.

SUBSTITUTIONS.

Substitutions will be on the fly for all ages and the match official does not have to be informed.

Players should come off and on respecting 2m social distance and at their technical area.

Players leaving the field should maintain social distancing within the extended technical areas.

Coaches are encouraged to enforce this.

Substitution of the goal keeper must be made at a stoppage in play.

RTP –Phase 2



Law changes that **must** be observed for **all practices (where applicable) games, scrimmages and game-simulating activities:**

- No heading of the ball
- Technical area extends to goal line
- No throw-ins, no drop ball, no coin toss
- No physical celebrations
- No physical confrontations or spitting (whether directed or not)
- Zero tolerance for coughing, sneezing towards other people
- Social distancing must be enforced except by players during active play only
- Exception to this is a defensive free-kick wall



Law Change -No Deliberate or Avoidable Body Contact

No intentional or avoidable contact is to be made between players, except for foot-to-ball to challenge for a ball. Making deliberate or avoidable body contact with any part of the body other than the foot will:

- Result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team for the first and second offence.
- The third offence will result in a yellow card for persistent infringement.
- A fourth offence will result in a second yellow card and a dismissal.
- Therefore this is a **4 strike rule**, with **no**“verbal warning”.



Law Change – Social Distancing

Social distancing is to be observed while the ball is out of play, with reasonable time given for players to find space on the field apart.

- After the first verbal warning, failure to social distance while the ball is out of play will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.
- A third offence will result in a yellow card for persistent infringement.
- A fourth offence will result in a second yellow card and a dismissal.
- An exception to this is a team defending a free kick
- Therefore this is a **4 strike rule, with one** “verbal warning”.



Law Change –Extended Technical Area

The technical area is extended; the side of the technical area that is furthest away from the halfway line is extended as far as necessary to accommodate social distancing for bench staff and players.



Law Change –No Headers

To reduce body fluid transfer onto ball surface, heading of the ball has been removed for this phase.

- Heading of ball will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team for the first and second offence.
- A third offence will result in a yellow card for persistent infringement.
- A fourth offence will result in a second yellow card and a dismissal.
- Therefore this is a **4 strike rule**, with **no** “verbal warning”.



Law Change – Modified Free Kick Walls

A team defending a free kick is an exception to the social distancing rule; however, defenders in a “wall” must not be physically touching each other. Attackers may not come within 2 m of any defender before the ball is put back into play.

- After the first verbal warning, failure to comply will result in an indirect free kick to opposing team.
- A third offence will result in a yellow card for persistent infringement.
- A fourth offence will result in a second yellow card and a dismissal.
- Therefore this is a **4 strike rule**, with **one** “verbal warning”.



Law Change –No Throw Ins

Throw-ins are not permitted. The ball must be kicked into play. All other requirements of Throw-In Law will still be applied.

- After the first verbal warning (and restart of play as a kick-in), failure to comply will result in a kick-in to opposing team.
- A third offence will result in a yellow card for persistent infringement.
- A fourth offence will result in a second yellow card and a dismissal.
- Therefore this is a **4 strike rule, with one** “verbal warning”.



Law Change –No Drop-Ball

The drop ball requirement has been removed to reduce handling of the ball and has been converted to an indirect free kick. If the drop ball is inside the penalty area after hitting the Referee, the ball automatically goes to the Goalkeeper. The Referee leaves the ball on the ground, and the Goalkeeper picks it up.



Law Change –No Coin Toss

There will be no gathering at a Coin toss. The Home team chooses starting side for every game.



Law Change –Pinnie Requirement Relaxed

Match Officials will allow substitutes to wear non-clashing colours (to the players on the field of play). They are not required to be official pinnies.



Law Addition – No Physical Celebrations

No goal celebrations are permitted which incorporates physical touching.

- First violation is a verbal warning.
- Second violation by the same team will result in a caution to the goal scorer.
- A third violation will result in a dismissal by way of second caution.
- Therefore this is a **3 strike rule**, with **one** “verbal warning”.



Law Addition -Automatic Caution for Confrontations

Automatic cautions for any players who are involved in face-to-face (but non-mass confrontation) interactions.

Shoving, jostling, and fighting for space will result in a straight Yellow Card for Unsporting Behaviour.

Match Officials should stay away and allow the emotional situation to de-escalate before engaging from a safe distance.

Serious physical altercations will result in an automatic red card. Mass confrontations will result in automatic dismissals for all involved.



Law Addition -No Coughing or Sneezing towards other people

There will be zero tolerance for mocking, mimicking, exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms towards another individual.

- May include intentionally coughing or sneezing towards another player, whether real or not.
- Coughing or sneezing towards another person, whether it be a player, referee, or team official, will result in an automatic dismissal and red card for serious foul play –egregiously endangering the safety of an opponent.



Waiver

In order to return to refereeing, all game officials must sign:

- the Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement if they are 18 years of age or older
- the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement if they are under 18 years of age

Match officials must submit the appropriate signed document to amurty@burlingtonsoccer.com



If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at amurty@burlingtonsoccer.com

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