

General Rules and Regulations

1. **The goal of this division is help develop and refine social and motor skills through the introduction of soccer. Teams are run under the direction of the Branson Parks and Recreation Department.**
2. Players who are of age 3 or age 4 on March 1st (Spring Season)/September 1st (Fall Season) are eligible to play in this division.
3. This is a 4v4 division with no goal keepers. Players cannot position themselves within the goal box. The "New Ball" method will be used.

Equipment

1. A size 3 ball will be used for game play.
2. Shin guards must be worn at all times for the safety of each individual player. Shin guards do not need to be covered with socks, but must be secured in place.
3. No metal cleats are allowed.

New Ball Method

1. Whenever a ball goes out of play, or a foul is committed, the referee announces "New Ball!" and rolls another ball into play. A kickoff will start the game, the second half, and following each goal.
2. If a ball goes out of play slightly, but the player remains control, referees are instructed to allow continuation of play,
3. Control the pace of the game; allow for a few seconds of players to get in position. The ball should not be bounced; roll the ball towards midfield and away from the nearest goal. If a player is not touching the ball often, target that individual to roll the new ball to for engagement. If a team is on the wrong side of a lopsided game, target that team for rolling a new ball to. The referee has the authority to "favor" a team or individuals whose opportunities to touch the ball has been limited.

Participation and Role of Parents

1. Branson Parks and Recreation staff are responsible for the management of games. Parents are asked to volunteer time and work with the staff managing each team. Parents are asked to work with staff to fill in needs for the team under direction of the league manager and department staff.
2. Parents are encouraged to assistant coach their child's team. For more information regarding how to help, please contact the Branson RecPlex at 417-335-2368.