



# Peterborough Youth Soccer Club (PYSC)

## 2026 Rules at a glance



Age	Players (minimum req'd to play)	Length	Subs	Retreat line	Touch-line	Off-side	Coach on field	Ball size	Scores
U4-6	3, no GK (min 3)	2×15min halves halftime: 15min practice	on the fly	1/2 line	pass-in/ dribble-in	no	ok	3	no
U7/8	5, incl GK (min 3)	2×20min halves halftime: 20min practice	on the fly	1/2 line	pass-in/ dribble-in	no	ok	3	no
U9	5, incl GK (min 3)	2×20min halves halftime: 10min	on the fly	1/2 line	pass-in/ dribble-in	no	ok	4	no
U10/11	7, incl GK (min 5)	2×25min halves halftime: 10min	any stoppage	1/3 line	pass-in/ dribble-in	no	no	4	no
U12/13	9, incl GK (min 6)	2×30min halves halftime: 5min	certain stoppages	no	throw-in	yes	no	5	no
U14-18	11, incl GK (min 7)	2×35min halves halftime: 5min	certain stoppages	no	throw-in	yes	no	5	yes

### Sharing players

If one team can't field a full side, the other lends players. For fairness and playing time.

- ⊕ U4-U13: both teams must field equal players.
- ⊕ U18: the team with more players (even after sharing) can field one more player than the short team. e.g., if one team can only field 8 players, the other can field 9 max. In playoffs sharing is voluntary.

### Retreat line

Allows play without pressure. For goal kicks and when the goalkeeper has the ball in their hands, the other team must retreat behind the line. They cannot cross the line until:

- ⊕ the GK's teammate touches the ball (eg, a defender receives a pass from their GK); or
- ⊕ the ball crosses the line (eg, from a long goal kick).

### Subs for U12-U18

Coaches can ask referee permission to sub:

- ⊕ after a goal;
- ⊕ goal kick (either team);
- ⊕ throw-in for your team, or for the other team if they sub (piggy-back);
- ⊕ injured player.

### No sliding

For all ages:

- ⊕ no slide tackles;
- ⊕ no playing the ball while on the ground.

### Playing time

As a recreational club we encourage equal playing time. All players deserve to develop and share the joy of playing.

## Parent Code of Conduct

- ⊕ My child plays soccer for their benefit, not mine.
- ⊕ I will not give instructions to players – that is the Coach's role.
- ⊕ I will never question the referee's judgment, integrity or honesty.
- ⊕ I will support all efforts to eliminate verbal and physical abuse from the game of soccer.
- ⊕ At all times I will show respect for the players, coaches, referees, and opposing players and coaches.
- ⊕ I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
- ⊕ I will make my child feel like a winner by offering praise for competing fairly and doing their best.
- ⊕ I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- ⊕ Children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents.
- ⊕ I will make sure that my child arrives for practices and games at the time designated by the coach.
- ⊕ I realize that the team can be penalized for my behaviour.
- ⊕ I will obey a request by a referee or from the team's coach to leave the vicinity of the field.



# PYSC Field Maps

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