

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS: U-8 DIVISION**

## **LAW I: THE FIELD.**

Field Dimensions: Approximately 60 yards long X 35 yards wide.

Markings: Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.

A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.

A center circle with a six (6) yard radius.

Four (4) corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius.

Goal area: Six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line parallel with the goal line.

Goals: Six (6) feet high x twelve (12) feet wide.

## **LAW II: THE BALL.**

Size three (3).

## **LAW III: NUMBER OF PLAYERS.**

Maximum number of players on field = seven (7) per side, one (1) of whom may be a goalkeeper.

Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed twelve (12).

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

## **LAW IV: PLAYER EQUIPMENT.**

Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

Shin guards are MANDATORY!

## **LAW V: REFEREE.**

Registered referee.

Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.

All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

## **LAW VI: LINESMAN.**

Not required.

## **LAW VII: DURATION OF GAME:**

The game shall be divided into four (4) equal ten (10) minute quarters.

There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters.

There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

## **LAW VIII: THE START OF PLAY.**

Opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

## **LAW IX: BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY.**

Ball must completely cross the touch line to be considered out of bounds.

## **LAW X: METHOD OF SCORING.**

NO SCORE shall be kept.

## **LAW XI: OFF-SIDE.**

Obvious off-side violations shall be called i.e. standing in front of opponent's goal.

## **LAW XII: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT.**

All fouls will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK with the opponents six (6) yards away.

## **LAW XIII: FREE KICKS.**

All free kicks shall be INDIRECT.

A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.

No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal box.

**LAW XIV: PENALTY KICKS.**

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

**LAW XV: THROW-IN.**

A second throw-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt.

**LAW XVI: GOAL KICK.**

Goal kicks may be taken from any point inside the goal area.

Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.

**LAW XVII: CORNER KICK.**

Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.

**STYSA ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each game.

STYSA will not record league standings.

STYSA will not record final score.

Participation trophies will be awarded to ALL players.

No one shall sit or stand within fifteen (15) yards of the goal line or behind/along the goal lines.

Parents should not coach or instruct players during the game.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking materials shall be consumed or allowed near the playing area.

No foul language or gestures at practices or games.

No derogatory comments to players, referees, coaches or parents at practices or games.

Suspend or cancel games or practice when lightning is near.

“Run-away Game” policy will be implemented when necessary.

No dogs at games or practices

Opposing teams and fans MUST be on opposite sides of the field.

No names are allowed on uniforms or names with numbers on banners.

Sweat pants of the same color as the shorts may be worn on cold days.

No jewelry i.e. earrings, bracelets, necklaces Medical Alert’s must be taped

If needed, home team shall wear vests.