



Tri-County Soccer Club Developmental League Laws of the Game

Age Group	Game Length	Field Size	Referees	Ball Size	Goal Size	Goalkeepers	Number of Players
U6	8 min. quarters	35 X 20 yards	1 coach per team will act as a referee	3	4' X 6'	No	4 vs. 4
U8	10 min. quarters	60 X 40 Yards	1 center referee	3	6 ½' X 12'	Yes	6 vs. 6

US Youth Soccer Recommended modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

FIFA Laws of The Game can be found at www.fifa.com

Law I-The Field: See chart above.

Law II-The Ball: See chart above.

Law III-Number of Players: See chart above.

- A. Substitutions: Allowed only between quarters.
- B. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. No player may play 4 quarters until all players have played 3 quarters.
- C. Teams and games may be coed.

Law IV-Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shin guards are mandatory.

Law V-The Referee: See chart above. Their job is to keep the playing environment FUN, SAFE and focused on the child. Duties are the same as a Referee under the FIFA Laws of The Game: keep time, enforce the rules, stop and restart play. When you stop play for a foul or other reason, take the time to explain to the players.

Law VI- Assistant Referee: Not used in the small-sided game.

Law VII-Duration of the Game: See chart above.

- A. There shall be one (1) minute break between quarters one and two and another one (1) minute break between quarters three and four.
- B. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

Law VIII-The Start of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception: Opponent must be five (5) yards from the center mark until the ball is touched.

Law IX-Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA: Ball must completely cross over goal line to be out of play.

Law X-Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA: Ball must completely cross over goal line and between posts and beneath crossbar to count.

Law XI-Off-Side: There is no offside in small-sided games. However, coaches are encouraged to maintain good field spacing and discouraged from “cherry picking”.

Law XII-Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. All fouls shall result in an indirect free kick with opponent five (5) yards away.
- B. The referee/coach must explain ALL infractions to offending player.

Law XIII-Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be five (5) yards away

Law XIV-Penalty Kicks: There are no Penalty Kicks in small-sided games. Instead, an indirect free kick from the top of the box is awarded if a foul is committed by a defender inside of his/her penalty area.

Law XV-Throw-In/Kick-In: Conform to FIFA. One retry will be allowed. Possession will change if a second throw-in infraction is committed.

Law XVI-Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law XVII-Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.
- B. Corner Kicks are Indirect Free Kicks.

CONDUCT: All players, coaches, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves with sportsmanlike attitudes. Any infractions of this behavior (name-calling, spitting, fighting, etc.) will not be tolerated and should be handled immediately by the field supervisor. If necessary, an incident form (located in this handbook) will be completed by and submitted to the TCSC Board. The board will review the situation and deal with problem appropriately. Actions taken by the board might include but will not be limited to the following: suspension from the program or expulsion from the program.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the case of bad weather, the coach is responsible for notifying his team (parents, players) of cancellation of the game after coordinating with the other coach involved.