



# Youth Soccer Rules

<b>LAW 1 THE FIELD</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
No penalty mark	No penalty mark	No penalty mark	Penalty mark
60' long x 30' wide	90' long x 60' wide	140' long x 96' wide	140' long x 96' wide
*Goals outdoors will be secured to ground.			
*Lines are part of the playing field.			
<b>LAW 2 THE BALL</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
Size #3	Size #3	Size #3	Size #4
*Home team is the team listed first on the schedule.			
The games ball will be provided by the recreation department.			
<b>LAW 3 NUMBER OF PLAYERS</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
*No more than 4 on the field in 3-year-old league. 5 on the field in 4-5-year-old league. *Can start with 3.	*No more than 5 on the field. No Goalie *Can start with 3	*No more than 7 on the field. 6 v 6 plus goalie *Can start with 5.	*No more than 8 on the field. 7 v 7 plus goalie *Can start with 5.
Free substitution anytime. *No Goalie	Substitute between quarters and halftime.	Substitute between quarters and halftime.	Substitute between quarters and halftime.
*In the event of a serious injury game will be stopped and player should be replaced.			
*In the event of a minor injury play will be stopped at the next dead ball and player will be assessed.			
*Goalies can change with any player of his/her team that is already playing.			

<b>LAW 4 PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
<p>*Players must not wear anything that is dangerous to herself/himself or other players.</p> <p>*Casts can be worn if covered and approved by 1) Referee, 2) Player's coach, 3) Opposing coach. If any of these three objects, then the player must comply. <b>CASTS MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO THE GAME.</b></p> <p>*Soccer cleats can be worn. <b>NO METAL OR TOE CLEATS.</b> U6-up cleats or gym shoes</p> <p>*Pre-K gym tennis shoes or soccer cleats may be worn.</p> <p>*<b>SHIN GUARDS ARE MANDATORY.</b></p> <p>*Jersey must be worn, and warm weather clothes can be worn underneath the jersey.</p> <p>*Goalies need to wear top distinguishing them from other players and referees.</p>			
<b>LAW 5 REFEREE</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
Coaches ref the games.	1 Referee	2 Referees	2 Referees
<p>*Ensure the correct number of players for the start of the match. Forfeit time is 5 min. after scheduled time.</p> <p>*Administers red/yellow cards. Let us make it a goal not to have any of these. This is a recreation league. Treat players and referees with kindness.</p> <p>*Act as a timekeeper</p>			
<b>LAW 6 DURATION OF GAME</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
Four 5-minute quarters	Four 8 min quarters	Four 10 min quarters	Four 10 min quarters
<p>*1 minute interval between quarters</p> <p>*3-minute halftime interval</p>			
<b>LAW 7 RESTARTS</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
<p>*Home team chooses which goal to attack at start of game. The away team receives the kickoff.</p> <p>*Goals cannot be scored on the kickoff.</p>	<p>*Home team chooses which goal to attack at start of game. The away team receives the kickoff.</p> <p>*Goals cannot be scored on the kickoff.</p>	<p>*Coin toss determines which goal to attack at the start of game. The other team receives kickoff.</p> <p>*Goals cannot be scored on a kickoff.</p>	<p>*Coin toss determines which goal to attack at the start of game. The other team receives kickoff.</p> <p>*Goals cannot be scored directly from kick off.</p>
<p>*Defense on own half of field and outside of center circle.</p> <p>*Offense on own half of field and inside or outside of circle</p> <p>*The ball must roll forward or else a re-kick must happen. Distance does not matter.</p> <p>*If the kicker touches the ball a second time indirect kick is awarded to the other team.</p>			
<b>LAW 8 BALL IN &amp; OUT OF PLAY</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
<p>*100% rule, Entire ball must cross the line to be in/out of play or score a goal.</p>			

<b>LAW 9 METHOD OF SCORING</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
*Cannot score on throw-in, kickoff.	*Cannot score on throw-in, kickoff, or any free kick since they are all indirect.  *Can score on corner kicks.	*Cannot score on throw-in, kickoff, or any free kick since they are all indirect.  *Can score on corner kicks.	*Cannot score on throw-in, kickoff, or any free kick since they are all indirect.  *Can score on corner kicks.
<b>LAW 10 OFFSIDES</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
*No offsides	*No offsides	*No offsides	*Offside position if you are on opponent's half of field and do not have the ball and there are not 2 defenders between you and the goal you are attacking.  *Cannot be offside on a goal kick, corner kick, throw-in, if you have the ball, or if you are on your half of the field.  *Offside position will not be called until you are part of the play. (with or without ball) Indirect free kick.
<b>LAW 11 FOULS AND MISCONDUCTS</b>			
<b>PRE-K   U6   U8</b>		<b>U10</b>	
		*Direct-kicking or attempting to kick, trip or attempt to, jumping at, charging, striking or attempting, pushing, tackles before contacting ball, holding, spitting, touching ball. Any of these occur by defender inside penalty result is penalty kick.  *Indirect- Goalie taking more than 6 sec. to get rid of the ball, goalie touching ball after released from possession, goalie touches ball after deliberately played to her/him by teammate, play of dangerous manner, obstruction, prevent throw-in or goalie release of ball.	

<b>LAW 12 FREE KICKS</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
No Indirect or direct kicks.	*Indirect only	*Indirect only	*Indirect *Direct *Penalty
*Ball must be stationary before played, and kicker does not touch a second time or indirect awarded to opposing team. You don't need to wait for the referee signal except for penalty kick.			
<b>LAW 13 PENALTY KICK</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
*None	*None	*None	*Law 12 direct offenses in penalty area committed by defending team. *Goalie location *Other player location *Event of infringement
<b>LAW 14 THROW IN</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
Re-throw entire year 3 tries.	Re-throw entire year 3 tries.	Re-throw ½ season.	Re-throw ½ season.
*100% rule. If 100% is not in play, the same team re-throws until the ball is in play. *Thrower can't touch the ball before it has touched another player, Indirect kick is awarded.			
<b>LAW 15 GOAL KICK</b>			
<b>PRE-K</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>
*Defense outside of penalty area *Offense can be inside penalty area *Kick taken by any offensive team member anywhere inside goal box. *Ball does not become live until 100% has crossed penalty area.			
<b>LAW 16 CORNER KICK</b>			
*Distance will be given if asked for. *Can score goals directly for all ages.			