

Three Rivers SC: Small Side Laws of the Game

Age Group(s): U9/10

Law I – The Field:

- a) Field Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, with Max length of 60 yards and 40 yards wide.
- b) Minimum length shall be no longer than 50 yards and a width of 35 yards.
- c) Goals: Goals size should be no larger than seven (7) feet (height) and x 21 feet (width).
- d) Markings: Center Line should be centered from goal line and will double as the build out

Law II – The Ball: Size 4 soccer ball

Law III – Number of Players:

- a) Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is seven (7), with a goalkeeper.
- b) Max number of players on the roster should not exceed 14 (8).
- c) Substitutions will be made on the fly
- d) Half Time will be maximum 5 minutes with total play time of 40 (20 minute halves) minutes.
- e) Playing time shall be a minimum of fifty (50%) of the total playing time.

Law IV – Players Equipment:

- a) All player equipment shall conform to Law IV of the laws of the game. All players are required to wear shin guards to all practices and games.
- b) An “official” uniform jersey shall be worn to all games—unless approved by the league to wear a replacement or a pennie

Law V – Referee: Coaches from both teams will referee the match or a parent volunteer may be used to assist both coaches.

Law VI – Assistant Referee: Not applicable Law—no offside in this league

VII – Duration of Game: a) Each game will consist of two (2), twenty minute halves.

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Law VIII – Start of Play:

- a) Each team must be on their own half and no closer than four (4) yards from the ball while kickoff is in progress. The ball is in play when the team kicking off touches it either forward and or backwards. The kicker shall not touch the ball a second time until another player has touched the ball. For any infractions a re-start will be performed with explanation to player(s) about rule.

- b) A goal cannot be scored directly on kickoff without the ball being touched by another field player for either team.
- c) c) All restarts after stoppage in play will be free indirect kick by the team with last possession.

Law IX – Ball in and out of play: Standard FIFA rule.

Law X – Method of Scoring: Ball must cross between goal post and the entire ball must pass over horizontal goal line.

Law XI – Offside: The offside rule WILL NOT be enforced.

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct:

- a) Slide tackling Is NOT permitted. As such, any player playing the ball with their feet from the ground SHALL be considered laying in a dangerous manner resulting in an indirect kick for the opposing team.
- b) Heading the ball is NOT permitted.
- c) Indirect kick will be awarded for all fouls. NO Penalty kicks allowed.
- d) Goalkeepers are not allowed to punt the ball. They are required to throw it out, roll it out, place the ball on the ground and play from there. The opposition is required to retreat into its own half when the goalkeeper has the ball, so long as the goalkeeper doesn't elect to play quickly before they get the chance to retreat

Law XIII – Free Kicks: Indirect only, following the standard FIFA rule except that the exclusion radius is four (4) yards.

Law XIV – Penalty Kick: NOT permitted

Law XV – Throw-In: Standard FIFA rule with exception that throw-ins can be re-taken in the spirit of learning.

Law XVI – Goal Kick:

- a) A goal shall not be scored directly from a goal kick without the ball being touched by at least one other player on either team.
- b) The goal kick shall be taken within three (3) yard of the goal.
- c) Defending team must retreat behind center line until the goal kick is performed. Once goal kick is performed the ball is “live”. The center line will be used to represent the build out line.
 - a) This law is also in place when the goalkeeper has the ball in hand, unless they choose to play quickly before the other team has time to retreat

Law XVII – Corner Kick:

- a) A goal shall not be scored directly from a corner kick without the ball being touched by at least one other player on either team.
- b) The corner kick should be taken with the defending players no closer than four (4) yards from the corner.