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All FIFA Laws Of The Game 2021-22 Will Be In Effect Unless Otherwise Stated.

Law #1: The Field Of Play

* A 50 x 100 yard field or as close to this size as possible should be used. An 8 x 24 foot goal or as close to this size as possible should be used.

Law #2: The Ball

* Under 12 (U12) Division will use a size #4 ball and the Middle School (MS) division will use a size #5 ball.

Law #3: The Number Of Field Players

* Each program will state at the preseason meeting what numbers of players they need to go with for the season. 11v11 will be used unless there is a program that needs to go with a lesser number in which case whenever playing this program a lesser number of players will be used. The exception being should a team have a lesser number of players for a game in which case their opponent while not required to play with a lesser number of players can choose to do so.

* A substitution may only be made when there is a stoppage of play. Before a kickoff, after a score, before a throw-in, if the team throwing-in is substituting a player, before a goal-kick, or before a corner-kick. A player wanting to substitute must be in the substitute box at the time of the stoppage of play. All players must enter and leave the field at the center mark.

Players being substituted and leaving the field at the closest point will not be implemented this season.

Law #4: The Players Equipment

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #5: The Referee

* The home team will supply a 1-3 Referees per game. If there is just 1 Referee Club Linesman can be used if adult volunteers are available in which case a person from each team will be asked to help the Referee with the ball out of play calls only.

Law #6: The Assistant Referees

* When having 3 Referees, 1 Center Referee and 2 Linesmen (Assistant Referees).

Law #7: The Duration Of The Match

* U12 Division, Two 30 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime. MS Division, Two 35 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime. Should a game end in a tie there will be no penalty kick shootout to decide the winning team.

Law #8: The Start And Re-Start Of Play

* Kick-Off, the ball can be played backward.

Whenever a Drop-Ball is used, never inside the penalty area, it will involve only one player, a player from the team which last made contact with the ball. All other players must be 5 yards from the drop.

Law #9: The Ball In And Out Of Play

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Play is stopped if the ball makes contact with the referee and restarted with a Drop-Ball.

Law #10: The Method Of Scoring

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #11: Offside

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #12: Fouls And Misconduct

* Referees are taught to adhere to the FIFA Laws Of The Game unless instructed to do otherwise. In addition to referring to the level of play. Both the U12 and MS Divisions being recreational levels of play this should factor into the Referees calls because of the wide range of player experience and skill on the different teams.

Law #13: Free Kicks

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Wall, defending players are not allowed to be in it and must be at least one yard away from any part of it.

Law #14: The Penalty Kick

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

The goalkeeper defending against a penalty kick will be allowed to have one foot into the field prior to the ball being in play provided that some part of the other foot is on and remains on the goal line.

Law #15: The Throw-In

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #16: The Goal Kick

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

The ball must be stationary and is kicked from any point within the goal area, the ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves, opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.

Law #17: Corner Kick

* Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Miscellaneous Rules

* Conduct: It's paramount that all involved act in an appropriate manner, Coaches, Players and Spectators. Should there be an incident it should be reported to both of the teams Program Coordinators to address within 24 hours of a game's completion. If a player was given a red card the player's name and number need to be included in the report.

* Guest Player: If needed a Guest Player can be used. Must be a current member of the program they are helping, be a member of a like age or younger team within program they are helping and their team top must match the team top of the team they are helping.

* Guest Team: If a program has a Guest Team that is going to participate in the league, it is their responsibility to see that the Guest Team adheres to our league's policies.

* Heading: U12 Division, not permitted. MS Division, permitted if both participating programs are in agreement to do so. The Program Coordinator will make this call, not a team's Coach. In a game in which heading isn't permitted should a player use their head an Indirect Free Kick will be awarded to the opposing team.

* Inclement Weather: Should it be necessary to cancel a game this can be decided by both teams Coaches at least 2 hours in advance with the Coaches calling and emailing their Program Coordinators to update them before they begin making parent update calls and texts. Should it be necessary to cancel a game at halftime or later the game will be considered a completed game. Should a game end before halftime the coaches can come to an agreement on reschedule date/time/location, and submit their reschedule request to their Program's Coordinator for approval.

* Inclement Weather - Field Conditions: Should it be necessary for a Program Coordinator or Head Coach to cancel a game due to field conditions the Program Coordinator or Coach must call and email the visiting Program Coordinator and Coach at least 2 hours in advance, preferably the day before.

- * Lightning: Once sighted a game must be suspended. A game can continue once 30 minutes have elapsed since the last lightning strike. If a game cannot continue after 60 minutes the game will be canceled.
- * No Dogs: No dogs can be brought to any game.
- * Referee Proficiency: Should there be an incident where a Referee/s were grossly incompetent or in which player safety was jeopardized it should be reported to both Programs Coordinators within 24 hours of a game's completion.
- * Seating: Spectators must sit on the opposite side of the field from the teams, and not with their teams nor on the ends of the field.
- * Slide Tackling And Kicking: Slide tackling and kicking will not be permitted. Players must make every effort to stay on their feet.
- * Team Colors: In the event of a conflict the home team will be required to wear an alternate color practice vest or top.
- * **Trash: Visiting teams along with their spectators must police their area for trash after a game out of courtesy to the home team and especially due to the Covid situation.**