



## **Santa Clara Youth Soccer League Modified Rules for U8 7v7 Play**

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### **Law I - Field of Play:**

- A. Dimensions: Width 30yards. Length 50 Yards.
- B. Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide.
- C. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
- D. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
- E. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
- F. Goal area: Three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- G. Goals: 5 feet high by 10 feet wide

### **Law II-The Ball**

Size three (3)

### **Law III - Number of Players**

- A. U-8 Division:
  - a. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time - Seven (7) - 6 Field Players, 1 Goalkeeper
- B. Playing Time:
  - a. Each player must play 50% of the game.
- C. Substitutions may be requested from the referee:
  - a. Prior to your throw in.
  - b. Prior to goal kick by either team.
  - c. After a goal by either team.
  - d. At half time.
  - e. After an injury by either team, unlimited.

### **Law IV – Players Equipment**

- A. Jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings, field footwear (flat soled athletic shoes or soccer cleats- baseball cleats are not allowed to be used), and shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the stockings.
- B. Player cannot wear anything, including any kind of jewelry. (See section 3:06:03 of CYSA Constitution)

### **Law V – The Referee**

- A. Referees make decisions on points of fact.
- B. Shall be encouraged to explain the infraction to the offending player.

### **Law VI – Assistant Referees**

The referee may, at his or her discretion, appoint parents (club lines) to indicate when the ball is out of play and in which team shall restart with a throw-in. In all cases, the decision of the referee is final.

### **Law VII - Duration of The Game**

Two (2) halves of 20 minutes each

### **Law VIII – Start of Play**

Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark when place kick (kickoff) is in process. Start of play is typically when the ball moves forward perceptibly.

### **Law IX - Ball in and Out of Play**

The ball is out of play when it has completely crossed the goal or touchlines.

### **Law X – Method of Scoring**

- A. The ball must cross the goal line completely between the goal posts and under the cross bar, while the ball is in play, and no infringement of the laws of the game has been committed just prior by the team scoring the goal.
- B. No scores or standings are recorded.

### **Law XI –Offside**

Conform to the FIFA laws of the game.

### **Law XII -Fouls & Misconduct**

All intentional fouls will result in an indirect free kick - with the opponent five (5) yards away.

### **Law XIII -Free Kicks**

Shall be classified under one heading "INDIRECT". A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player (not necessarily from the same team).

### **Law XIV - Penalty Kick**

No Penalty kicks. Tie games stand.

### **Law XV -Throw-In**

Conform to the FIFA laws of the game; however, one re-throw (each time) is allowed after an explanation.

### **Law XVI - Goal Kick**

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

- A. Opponents must be positioned five yards from the spot of the kick
- B. The ball is in play when it is directly kicked and travels five yards.
- C. Goal kicks are indirect free kicks.

### **Law XVII -Corner Kick**

Maybe taken from any point inside the corner arc. Corner kicks are Indirect free kicks.