



## SPRING 2010 - U8 PLAY GUIDELINES



8 V. 8 FORMAT OF PLAY – 11 PLAYER ROSTER  
FIELD SIZE – 40' X 60'

GOAL SIZE BASED ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES - NOT TO EXCEED 7' X 21'

LENGTH OF SEASON – FEBRUARY 20, 2010 to MAY 2, 2010

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NO STANDINGS KEPT – ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE A PARTICIPATION AWARD

ONE (1) REFEREE PER MATCH

COACHES TO PREPARE LINEUP CARDS FOR THEIR GAMES

- A. Game: One game of 40 minutes (two 20-minute halves). Substitutions are made at a point midway through the first half and midway through the second half with a five (5) minute half-time water break/substitutions at the end of the first half. A maximum of eight (8) players will be allowed on the field (including a goalkeeper). Recommend that participants play 3/4 of the game.
- B. Start of Game (Kickoff): Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark while the kickoff is in progress.
- C. Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- D. Throw-In: Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that a second thrown-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on their initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method in a positive and instructional manner before allowing the player to re-throw. (if 2<sup>nd</sup> throw is also illegal, allow play to continue)
- E. Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game with the following exceptions:
  - 1. Goal Kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
  - 2. The ball must cross the 12-yard line before the ball can be played.
  - 3. Opponents must be outside the 12-yard line area.
- F. Scoring:
  - 1. Goals cannot be scored from a team's defensive side of the field.
  - 2. Goals cannot be scored by a goal kick.
  - 3. Goals cannot be scored by a kick off.
  - 4. Goals cannot be scored by a throw-in.
- G. Offside: = NO “CHERRY PICKING.” A line, that is 12 yards out from each goal line, stretching from touchline to touchline, will designate the “cherry picking” area.
  - 1. The restart for a “Cherry Picking” infraction is a direct kick taken by the defending team.
- H. Goalkeepers: U8 teams will have a goalkeeper on the field. The goalkeeper can handle the ball anywhere within the 12-yard line area. Players may play no more than one half (1/2) of each game as a goalkeeper.
- I. Fouls & Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
  - 1. The use of red and yellow cards is not permitted.
  - 2. All fouls will result in a **Direct Free Kick** with the opponents six (6) yards away.
  - 3. The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
  - 4. No slide tackles are allowed in U8.
  - 5. No penalty kicks are to be awarded.