



SPRING 2011 - U8 PLAY GUIDELINES

8 v 8 FORMAT OF PLAY – 11 PLAYER ROSTER

FIELD SIZE – 40' X 60'

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

LENGTH OF SEASON – FEBRUARY 19, 2011 to MAY 7, 2011

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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 2nd 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.

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.