

**Optimist Club of Naples - Soccer Program**  
**HS Rule Modifications (Spring 2020)**

Modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game  
FIFA Laws of the Game can be found on our website – [www.optimistsoccer.org](http://www.optimistsoccer.org)

**Law 1** – The Field of Play

**Law 2** – The Ball: Size 5

**Law 3** – The Number of Players: Each team should consist of not more than 11 players, one of whom is a goalkeeper. All games must be played with the same number of players on each team, unless a player or players have been ejected by the referee. Each team must have a minimum of 2 female players on the field during the game (a female goalkeeper does not count!).

Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited. **You may substitute a female player for a male player however you may not substitute a male player for a female player unless two female players remain on the field**

**Law 4** – The Players' Equipment: Conform to FIFA. **Only sports safety glasses are permitted on the field of play.**

**Law 5** – The Referee: A registered referee.

**Law 6** – The Assistant Referees: Two.

**Law 7** – The Duration of the Match: The game will be divided into two 35 minute halves. There shall be a water break mid-way through the first half and another water break mid-way through the second half. **The referee will not stop the clock during the mandatory water breaks.** There shall be a half-time interval of 5 minutes.

**Law 8** – The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 9** – The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 10** – The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 11** – Offside: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 12** – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA.

**A second yellow card during a game will result in the offending player missing the remainder of that game (they may not be replaced on the field). A straight red card will result in the offending player missing the remainder of that game (they may not be replaced on the field) and missing the entire next game.**

**No slide tackles are allowed.**

**Law 13** – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 14** – The Penalty Kick: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 15** – The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 16** – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 17** – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA.

**No scores or standings will be kept.**