

**Optimist Club of Naples - Soccer Program**  
**U4-U6 Rule Modifications (Fall 2019)**

Modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game FIFA Laws of the Game can be found on our website – <a href="http://www.optimistsoccer.org">www.optimistsoccer.org</a>
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**Law 1** – The Field of Play: The match is played on **dual fields** side by side.

**Law 2** – The Ball: Size 3

**Law 3** – The Number of Players: Each team should consist of not more than 4 players. There are no goalkeepers. All games must be played with the same number of players on each team. If numbers allow, a team with extra players should “loan” them to the team that is short then play.

Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited.

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

**Law 5** – The Referee: A coach.

**Law 6** – The Assistant Referees: None.

**Law 7** – The Duration of the Match: The game will be divided into two 18 minute halves. There shall be a 2 minute water break mid-way through the first half and a 2 minute water break mid-way through the second half. **The clock does not stop 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: None.

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

**No headers are allowed.**

**No slide tackles allowed.**

**Law 13** – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA, with the exception that all free kicks are indirect.

**Law 14** – The Penalty Kick: None.

**Law 15** – The Pass-In: A pass-in is considered an indirect free kick.

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

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

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