

U8 DIVISION RULES – 4 v 4

LAW I – The Playing Field

- A. The goals and playing field are downscaled to suit age group.

LAW II – Ball Size

- A. Size 4 ball is used.

LAW III – Number Of Players

- A. Maximum – 4
- B. Minimum – 3
- C. Goalkeepers are not allowed in this division.
- D. All players should play half of each game. Substitutions will be made upon the request of the coach and approval of the referee.

LAW V – The Referee

- A. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW VII – Duration Of The Game

- A. There will be four, ten-minute quarters.
- B. There will be a five-minute break between quarters.
- C. Game duration may be shortened at the referee's discretion in order to keep the games on time.

LAW VIII – Start and Restart of Game

Kick Off – defending team must back 10 feet from center spot prior to kick.

LAW IX – Offside

- A. No offside violations will be called.

LAW XII – Fouls and Misconduct

- A. All direct kick fouls will be taken from the spot of the infraction. If the foul occurs within 10 yards of the goal, the direct kick will be taken 10 yards from the goal. The defending team may build a wall seven yards from the spot of the kick. The referee should expedite the kick as not to penalize the fouled team.
- B. NO SLIDE TACKLING is allowed in this age group. The penalty will be a direct kick for the offended team.
- C. Players should not be stationed at the goal arc area. Coaches should have players move out to a reasonable defensive position. The goal arc area is a no-play area. An offensive player may not score a goal while in this area. A goal kick will be the result. Defensive players may not play a ball in this area. A goal will be the result.
- D. There will be no heading allowed in this age group.

LAW XIV – Penalty Kicks

- A. No penalty kicks are given in this age group.

LAW XV – Throw-Ins

- A. A second throw-in is allowed when the first one causes a violation.
- B. The referee will explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw. After a second violation the ball is turned over to the other team.

LAW XVI – Goal Kicks

- A. Goal kicks are taken anywhere on the end line. Opposing team will back up to mid-field stripe.
- B. The ball is in play as soon as it is kicked and moves.

LAW XVII – Corner Kicks

- A. Corner kicks will be taken.