

CYSA SOCCER RULES

These rules are for recreational play only and do not apply for tournaments.

LAW (I) THE FIELD

LAW (II) THE BALL

- A. U-6 #3
- B. U-8 #3
- C. U-10 #4
- D. U-12 #4
- E. U-14
 - 1. When in combination with U-12 #4
 - 2. When in a single division #5

LAW (III) NUMBERS OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD

- A. U-6 3v3
- B. U-8 4v4
- C. U-10 6v6 (5 + Goalie)
- D. U-12/14 Varies on season and number of players in division. Usually, 11 v 11, 10 and a keeper.

LAW (IV) PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

- A. Shoes
 - Tennis shoes
 - Soft cleats
 - NO toe cleats
- B. Shin Guards (Mandatory for practice and games.)
- C. Uniform (Jersey, shorts & soccer socks) – Issued by CYSA
- D. **ALL** jewelry must be removed before playing.
 - Only exceptions: New pierced ears. Bandages must be applied, covering earrings completely. Medical bracelets must be taped down.

LAW (V) REFEREE

- A. Certified Referees are used for all games. Assistant Referees (linesman) on U10 and up.
- B. Referees decision on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.

LAW (VI) LINESPERSON

- A. U-6 and U-8 will have center official only

LAW (VII) DURATION OF GAME

- A. U-6
 - 20 minute halves
 - 5 minute half time
- B. U-8
 - 20 minute halves
 - 5 minute half time
- C. U-10/U12 (8v8)
 - 25 minute halves
 - 5 minute half time
- D. U-12/14 (11v11)
 - 30 minute halves
 - 5 minute half time

LAW (VIII) THE START OF PLAY

- A. Opponents must be outside the circle while kick-off is in progress.
- B. Ball must be kicked into opponents half of field. The initial kicker may not kick the ball a second time until it has been played or touched by a second player.
- C. U-6 and U-8 – **EVERYTHING** is Indirect, therefore, a player can't score on a kick-off.

LAW (IX) BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

- A. Ball is in play until it entirely crosses the touch line or goal line or until the referee stops play by blowing a whistle.

LAW (X) METHOD OF SCORING

- A. Ball must cross goal line ENTIRELY between goal posts and under cross bar.
- B. U-8 – ALL players on scoring team must be on scoring side to score.

LAW (XI) OFF-SIDE

- A. U-6 - None
- B. U-8 - Obvious Off-side only
- C. U-10 and up - Conform to FIFA

LAW (XII) FOULS & MISCONDUCT

A. Penalty Fouls - a direct free kick is awarded:

- kicking or trying to kick an opponent,
- tripping (whether or not he/she falls down),
- jumping at a player,
- charging from behind,
- charging violently or dangerously,
- hitting or trying to hit,
- holding and pushing,
- handling the ball deliberately. (consists of shoulder to fingertip)

B. Non Penalty Fouls - an indirect free kick is awarded:

- dangerous play (high kicks, trying to play ball in goal keeper's hands),
- fair charging-shoulder to shoulder,
- charging the goalkeeper,
- illegal obstruction,
- goalkeeper takes more than 6 seconds while controlling the ball with hands,

C. A referee should not stop play to punish a foul if in HIS/HER opinion the fouled team is better off if play continues. This is called “**ADVANTAGE.**”

LAW (XIII) COACHING

- A. Coaches must coach the players in a positive way only.
- B. Each player must play 50% of the game

LAW (XIV) PENALTY KICK

- A. U-6 & U-8 this is not used,
- B. U-10 & up: if a player commits a penalty foul in his/her own penalty area, the fouled team is given a penalty kick from the penalty mark.

LAW (XV) THROW IN

- A. U-6 kick in only
Kick-in requirements
 - .After ball is kicked in the kicker may not touch the ball again until touched by another player.
- B. U-8 second chance throw in,
- C. U-10 and up: one throw in,
Throw-in requirements
 - . Both feet must be on the ground,
 - . Ball and hands must come all the way over the head.

LAW (XVI) GOAL KICK

- A. Goal kick restarts the game after the ball entirely crosses the goal line and is last touched by an opponent.
- B. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
 - 1. U6 & U8 – Goal kicks are taken from the middle of the Goal line on the side that the ball went out on. Opponents must be 4 ft back.
- C. Opponents must be outside the penalty area.

LAW (XVII) CORNER KICK

- A. Corner kick restarts the game after the ball entirely crosses the goal line and is last touched by a defender.
- B. The ball must be placed inside the corner area.
- C. Kick is taken by opponent.

LAW (XVIII) PLAYER SUBSTITUTION (Referee permission!!!)

U6 and U8

- A. Anytime game stops

U10 & UP

- A. On any goal kick.
- B. Half time.
- C. Your throw in.
- D. When time has been called for an injured player - that player must be replaced.
- E. After a goal has been scored.

LAW (XIV) DEAD ZONE - U6 AND U8 –This zone looks like a goal box and is located in front of the goal. This zone is placed there for the player’s safety. We don’t want players running into the goal posts.

- A. Players can **not** kick the ball once it has gone into the box.
 - 1. Offensive player kicks the ball while in the box.
 - a. Referee awards a goal kick..
 - 2. Defensive player kicks the ball while in the box.
 - a. If it was a scoring shot, the referee awards a goal.
 - b. If the ball didn’t look like it would have gone in, the referee awards a corner kick.
 - 3. Ball stops in the box. It is considered out. Award the kick accordingly.
 - a. Defender kicked it last – a corner kick.
 - b. Offender kicked it last – a goal kick.

These calls are the referee's decision and are final! If a coach or parent persistently argues with the official, a card may be given to the coach.