

## **AVYSL Recreational League Fall 2011 Game Day Rules (Kickers – U7)**

All games will be played using FIFA rules, with the modifications explained below.

### **1. Player's Equipment**

- All players must wear soccer attire, shin guards, cleats and a jersey in a contrasting color from the opposing team.
- For player safety, no front cleats are allowed such as baseball and football cleats.
- Players shall not wear anything that is dangerous to another player or himself or herself including: watches, necklaces, bracelets, earrings, baseball caps, hard casts, etc.

**Taping jewelry such as earrings is NOT acceptable**

### **2. Ball Size**

In accordance with FIFA rules: Size three (#3)

### **3. Duration of the Game**

- The game is to be divided into 2 halves
  - Kickers: 12 minute halves
  - U6: 20 minute halves
  - U7: 24 minute halves
- There is a half time break of five (5) minutes.
- There is no overtime.

### **4. Number of Players**

**(Kickers)     3 vs. 3**

**(U6&U7)     5 vs. 5**

### **5. Substitutions**

**All players present must play a minimum of 50% of the game.**

## **(U6&U7)**

- Substitutions are allowed any time the ball goes out of bounds regardless of which team has possession.
- Substitutions may be made at any time for injury.

### **6. Start of Game**

- The HOME team provides the game ball.
- On the first game of the day, the HOME and VISITING teams set up the playing field.
- On the last game of the day, the HOME and VISITING teams break down the field, lock up the goals and clean up.

### **7. Players/Coaches/Spectator Viewing Line**

- No player, coach and/or spectator may stand behind the goal line during the game.

### **8. Start of Play**

- Coaches determine which goal each team will defend in the first half and which team takes kick-off.
- Teams should switch halves second half, and the other team should take the kick-off.
- Opponents must be six yards away from the center mark when kick-off is in progress.
- The kick off must go forward one ball revolution before another player may touch the ball.
- A goal **CANNOT** be scored on the first touch of the ball after the start of play.

## 9. Ball In and Out of Play

- When the sphere of the ball completely crosses the goal or touchline, the ball is out of play.

## 10. Method of Scoring

- A goal is scored when the complete sphere of the ball goes over the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar.
- The ball cannot be thrown, carried or intentionally propelled by hand or arm over the goal line.
- Goals may be scored from anywhere in the field, but cannot be scored directly from a goal kick, throw-in, kick-off or an indirect free kick.
- If one team is dominating the play make the necessary adjustments for both teams to have the opportunity for offensive success. See website for suggested age appropriate adjustments.

## 11. Goalkeepers

### (U6&U7)

- There shall be no goalkeepers therefore no one is allowed to intentionally touch the ball with their hands.
- The goal will have an arc, which no player (offense or defense) can enter to score or prevent a scoring opportunity. A coach can call a foul resulting in an indirect kick at the centerline to the opposing team if the player enters the box while in active play.
- A player should not be placed at the top of the arc in a permanently defensive role. Please keep in the spirit of the arc's intention to not play with a goal keeper type position.

### (U8)

- There shall be goalkeepers who are allowed to use their hands anywhere inside their penalty box.

## **12. Fouls and Misconducts**

### **(U6&U7)**

- Fouls **should be called by the coach** if: a player pulls on another player's shirt; deliberately pushes or trips another player; slide tackles a player; plays reckless to gain possession; or engages in excessively rough play of any kind.

## **13. Indirect Free Kick**

- A goal may not be scored with an indirect free kick until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.

## **14. Goal Kicks**

- When the ball is last touched by an attacking player before going completely over the goal line and a goal is not scored, play is restarted by the defending team kicking the ball from anywhere within its goal area.
- Opponents must remain outside of the penalty box until the ball is in play and comes completely out of the penalty box.

## **15. Corner Kicks**

- When the ball is last touched by a defending player before going completely over the goal line and the goal is not scored, the play is restarted by the attacking player taking a kick from within the corner arc on the side of the field where the ball went over the goal line. Defenders must be six yards away from the ball when the corner kick is taken. The ball is in play when it has been kicked and moves.

## **16. Throw-Ins**

When the entire sphere of the ball passes completely over the touchline, play is restarted with a throw in taken by a player of the team opposite to that of the player who last touched the ball. A throw in requires that the player taking the throw in face the field, have both feet on or outside the touch line, use both hands, and deliver the ball from behind and over his or her head.

### **(U6 /U7)**

- If a player fails to properly throw in the ball, that player will be given the opportunity to retake the throw-in.

## **18. Off Side**

**(U6/U7)**

- There is no off sides.

## **19. Referee**

**(U6 & U7 )**

- There is no official referee.
- Only 1 coach per team is allowed on the field to help with the direction of the ball. That coach will stay in their half and help ALL players in that half regardless of which team they're on. **Coaches will ensure that all players play safe and call fouls** accordingly to help the players develop good sportsmanship.
- **All stoppages of play should be as short as possible.**

## **20. Sportsmanship**

- Good sportsmanship will prevail at all times.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players.
- Coaches and players are encouraged to shake hands with opponents after the game.
- Do not at any time yell or say negative remarks to the referees.