

### **3.16 MODIFIED PLAYING RULES FOR UNDER 8**

1. Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
2. Do not record league standings.
3. Do not record final score.
4. Participation awards for **ALL**--no trophies or awards just for the best team.
5. Parent/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be located not less than **three (3)** yards from outside the touchline, nor should they be closer than **ten (10)** yards to the goal line.
6. **NO** individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.
7. Parent/coaches should not coach or instruct players during the game.
8. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.

#### **3.16.1 Law I - The Field**

1. Markings:
  - a. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
  - b. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
  - c. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
  - d. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius. Revised August 2009 52
  - e. Goal area three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

#### **3.16.2 Law II - The Ball**

1. Size three (3).

#### **3.16.3 Law III - Number of Players**

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time – **Five (6)**  
One of whom is a goalkeeper.
2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed.
3. Substitutions:
  - a. Injuries.
  - b. See Law VII.
4. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50 percent of the total playing time.
5. Teams and games may be coed.

#### **3.16.4 Law IV - Players Equipment**

1. Players equipment must conform to **FIFA** with the following exceptions:
  - a. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

#### **3.16.5 Law V - Referee**

1. Registered Referee.
2. Associate Referees.
3. Parent/Coach or Assistant.
4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
5. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
6. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

#### **3.16.6 Law VI - Assistant Referee**

1. None

#### **3.16.7 Law VII – Duration of Game**

1. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal twelve (12) minute quarters.
2. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarter one (1) and quarter two (2), and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).
3. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three.

### **3.16.8 Law VIII – The Start of Play**

1. Conform to **FIFA** with the following exception:
  - a. Opponents must be **five (5)** yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.

### **Law IX – Ball In and Out of Play**

- . Conform to **FIFA**.

### **3.16.10 Law X – Method of Scoring**

1. Conform to **FIFA**. Revised August 2009 53

### **3.16.11 Law XI – Off-side**

1. There shall be no off-side.

### **3.16.12 Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct**

1. Conform to **FIFA** with the following exceptions:
  - a. All fouls will result in an **indirect free kick** with the opponents **five (5)** yards away.
  - b. The Referee must explain **all** infractions to the offending player.
  - c. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

### **3.16.13 Law XIII – Free Kick**

1. Conform to **FIFA** with the following exceptions.
  - a. Shall be classified under one heading - **indirect**.
  - b. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. **Opponents must be five (5) yards away.**
  - c. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal box.

### **3.16.14 Law XIV – Penalty Kick**

1. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

### **3.16.15 Law XV – Throw-in**

1. Conform to **FIFA**

### **3.16.16 Law XVI – Goal Kick**

1. Conform to **FIFA**

### **3.16.17 Law XVII – Corner Kick**

1. Conform to **FIFA** with the following exception:
  - a. Opponents must be **five (5)** yards away from the ball.
  - b. Corner kicks are indirect free kicks.