

UNDER 8 DIVISION PLAYING RULES

Law 1: Field of Play

Two Fields measuring a maximum of 50 yards long (not less than 40 yards) by not more than 30 yards wide (not less than 20 yards). The maximum size goals will be 4 feet high and 8 feet long. Pugg goals are encouraged. The field will be divided into two playing areas adjacent to each other and with 8 (4 per field) corner flags (no cones will be allowed) and all appropriate field markings: Midfield line, 5 yard radius Center Circle, a goal box- three yards from each goal post and three yards into the field of play There will be no penalty area marked on the field.

Law 2: The Ball

The ball size in RIYSL competitions will be: *Size 3*

The team listed first on the schedule will be the home team and will be responsible for providing the game ball.

Law 3: The Players

4v4 Format: Two concurrent games will be played with 4 field players and no goalkeepers per team, per field. The maximum team roster is 14 players and 6 players, (3 per game), are necessary to start a game. There is a 50 % playing rule and all games shall be played in quarters.

Substitutions can be done on the fly with the field player first being called off and leaving the field.

Any time a referee stops the game due to injury and the coach enters the field of play, the injured player must leave the field.

Law 7: Duration of the Game

The duration of games for each division shall be as follows:

U8 (4v4) 4 - 10 Minute Quarters 1 Minute at End of Quarter 5 Minute Half-time

Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play

-Kick-off: At the beginning of the game and at the start of each quarter will be from the center circle. The opposing team must be outside the center circle before Kick-off. The ball must be touched in order to begin play and for the opposing team to challenge for the ball.

-Restart after a Goal: Refer to Law 16-Goal Kick..

Law 10: Method of Scoring

-Conform to FIFA rules, with the following modifications:

1.No Defender may remain in the goal box unless the ball is being played in the area.

Discretion of the referee. If the defending team violates this rule by remaining in the goal box to prevent a goal, the attacking team will be rewarded with a Free Kick from where the attacker last had possession of the ball.

2.No Attacker can be in the opposing team's goal box unless the ball enters in first. If the attacking team violates this rule, the defending team will be rewarded with a Goal Kick.

Law 11: Offsides

-There will be no offsides in the U8 division.

Law 13: Free Kicks

Conform with FIFA rules with the following modifications:

-All free kicks will be indirect.

-Opponents must be 5 yards away.

Law 14: Penalty Kick

-There will be no Penalty Kicks in the U8 divisions.

Law 15: Throw-In

-Conform with FIFA Rules with the following modifications:

There will be no more kick ins.

If the player does not perform the throw in correctly, he/she will redo the throw in. The referee shall explain to the player how to execute the throw in correctly.

Law 16: Goal Kick

Conform with FIFA rules with the following modifications:

-The ball can be placed anywhere in the goal box. The opposing team must remain outside the goal box and be 5 yards away until the ball is put into play outside the goal box.

Law 17: Corner Kick

Conform with FIFA rules with the following modifications:

-All corner kicks are indirect.

-Opponents must be five yards away from the ball.