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## U-6 Laws of the Game

Player Exposure & Learning Experience

### **LAW 1 - THE FIELD:**

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular; length not to exceed 30 yards; width not to exceed 20 yards. The length shall exceed the width.

GRJSA RECOMMEDATION: Length: 30 yards Width: 20 yards

B. Markings: To be done by the home team.

1. Field markings are to be distinctive lines not more than four (4) inches wide or saucer cones.

2. A halfway line shall be marked out at midfield.

3. A center circle with a six (6) yard radius.

4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.

5. Six Yard Line: from touchline to touchline six yards from end line and parallel to the end line.

C. Goals:

1. Two (2) furnished by the home team.

2. Maximum goal size is six (6) feet high and six (6) feet wide, minimum goal size is cones.

3. The goals must be anchored down.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Height: 4 feet Width: 4 feet.

### **LAW 2 - THE BALL:**

A. Size three (3) furnished by the home team.

B. Meets FIFA requirements/specifications.

### **LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

A. Maximum number of players on the field for each team: Three (3), no goalkeeper.

B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed: Six (6).

C. Substitutions may be made while the game is being played, along the touchline, as long as the player to be substituted is off the field first.

D. Playing time: Each player shall get a minimum of 50% of the total playing time during the season.

#### **LAW 4 - PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soccer shoes with soft cleats.
  2. Shin-guards: Mandatory, approved manufactured age and size specific. Socks must be worn up and over the shin-guards.
  3. No jewelry of any kind, no decorative items in the hair such as beads, clips, etc.
  4. No casts or splints are allowed. Other medical devices may be allowed as long as such a device does not pose a hazard to the player/other players.
  5. Shorts and shirts should be of like color for each team. Home team will switch colors if needed.

#### **LAW 5 - REFEREE:**

- A. GRJSA does not recommend the use of registered referees for U-6 games.

#### **LAW 6 ASSISTANT REFEREES:**

- A. GRJSA does not recommend the use of assistant referees for U-6 games.

#### **LAW 7 DURATION OF GAME:**

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal ten (10) minute quarters.
- B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one (1) and two (2) and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).
- C. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3).

#### **LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  1. Opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark for the kick-off.

#### **LAW 9 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 10 METHOD OF SCORING:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 11 OFFSIDE:**

- A. There shall be no offside.

### **LAW 12 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. All fouls will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK with the opponents six (6) yards away.
  - 2. No slide tackles.
- B. No caution or send off shall be issued. Players may be sent to the touchline for a time out where the infraction will be discussed with the coach/adult.
- C. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of parents, spectators and players.
- D. Misconduct by parents, spectators or coaches MUST be reported to the Association.

### **LAW 13 FREE KICKS:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. All free kicks shall be classified as indirect.
  - 2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
  - 3. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's six (6) yard line. The ball will be placed on the six (6) yard line perpendicular to the place where the infraction occurred.

### **LAW 14 PENALTY KICKS:**

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

### **LAW 15 THROW-IN:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. A second throw-in is allowed if the player commits an infraction on the initial attempt.

### **LAW 16 GOAL KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. Goal Kick is taken from on or inside the six yard line.
  - 2. Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.

### **LAW 17 CORNER KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.

## **LAW 18 COACHING:**

- A. Coaching will be made from the touchline through positive reinforcement.
- B. A coach may *occasionally* step onto the field to make a correction but should then retire back to the touchline.
- C. Coaches, parents and spectators shall stay **between** the six yard lines. No one is allowed behind the goal line.
- D. A coach shall not touch the ball when it is in play. Restart: Indirect Free Kick.
- E. There will be no standings kept for this league.
- F. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.
- G. Use of tobacco products is prohibited on all school properties.
- H. The home team shall choose the side that their team and spectators will be on and the opposing team, and their spectators, will be on the other side. If the field conditions prohibit the use of both sides of the field then each team and their spectators shall be on their half of the touchline.

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## U-7 Laws of the Game

Player Exposure & Learning Experience

### **LAW 1 - THE FIELD:**

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular; length not to exceed 35 yards nor less than 30 yards; width not to exceed 25 yards nor less than 20 yards. The length shall exceed the width.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Length: 35 yards Width: 25 yards

- B. Markings: To be done by the home team.

1. Field markings are to be distinctive lines not more than four (4) inches wide or saucer cones.
2. A halfway line shall be marked at midfield.
3. A center circle with a six (6) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
5. Six Yard line: from touchline to touchline six yards from end line and parallel to the end line.

- C. Goals:

1. Two (2) furnished by the home team.
2. Maximum goal size is six (6) feet high and six (6) feet wide, minimum goal size is cones
3. The goals must be anchored down.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Height: 4 feet Width: 6 feet

### **LAW 2 - THE BALL:**

- A. Size three (3) furnished by the home team.

### **LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- A. Maximum number of players on the field for each team: three (3), no goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed: six (6).
- C. Substitutions may be made while the game is being played, along the touchline, as long as the player to be substituted is off the field first.
- D. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total season playing time.

#### **LAW 4 - PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soccer shoes with soft cleats.
  2. Shin-guards: Mandatory, approved manufactured age and size specific. Socks must be worn up and over the skin-guards.
  3. No jewelry of any kind or decorative items in the hair such as beads, clips, etc.
  4. No casts or splints are allowed. Other medical devices may be allowed as long as such a device does not pose a hazard to the player/other players.
  5. Shorts and shirts should be of like color for each team. Home team will switch colors if needed.

#### **LAW 5 - REFEREE:**

- A. GRJSA does not recommend the use of registered referees for U-7 games.

#### **LAW 6 ASSISTANT REFEREES:**

- A. GRJSA does not recommend the use of assistant referees for U-7 games.

#### **LAW 7 DURATION OF GAME:**

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal twenty (20) minute halves.
- B. There shall be a five (5) minute break between halves.

#### **LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  1. Opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark for the kick-off.

#### **LAW 9 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 10 METHOD OF SCORING:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 11 OFFSIDE:**

- A. Modified offside:
  1. Positioning of a player in front of the opponent's goal will not be allowed.

### **LAW 12 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. All fouls will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK with the opponents six (6) yards away.
  - 2. No slide tackles.
- B. No caution or send offs shall be issued to players. Players may be sent to the touchline for a time out to discuss the infraction with the coach/adult.
- C. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of parents, spectators and players.
- D. Misconduct by parents, spectators or coaches MUST be reported to the Association.

### **LAW 13 FREE KICKS:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. All free kicks shall be classified as indirect.
  - 2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
  - 3. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team inside the defending team's six yard line. The ball will be placed on the six (6) yard line perpendicular to the spot where the infraction occurred.

### **LAW 14 PENALTY KICKS:**

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games:

### **LAW 15 THROW-IN:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. A second throw-in is allowed if the player commits an infraction on the initial attempt.

### **LAW 16 GOAL KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. Goal Kick will be taken from on or inside the six yard line.
  - 2. Opponents must be six (6) yards away the ball.

### **LAW 17 CORNER KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.

## **LAW 18 COACHING:**

- A. Coaching will be made from the touchline through positive reinforcement.
- B. A coach may *occasionally* step onto the field to make a correction but should then retire back to the touchline.
- C. Coaches, parents and spectators must stay **between** the Six Yard lines. No one is allowed behind the goal line.
- D. A coach shall not touch the ball when it is in play. Restart: Indirect Free Kick.
- E. There will be no standings kept for this league.
- F. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.
- G. Use of tobacco products is prohibited on all school properties.
- H. The home team shall choose the side that their team and spectators will be on and the opposing team, and their spectators, will be on the other side. If the field conditions prohibit the use of both sides of the field then each team and their spectators shall be on their half of the touch line.

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## U-8 Laws of the Game

Player Exposure & Learning Experience

### **LAW 1 - THE FIELD:**

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular; length not more than 40 yards nor less than 35 yards; width not more than 25 yards nor less than 20 yards. The length shall exceed the width.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Length: 35 yards Width: 25 yards

B. Markings: To be done by the home team.

1. Field markings are to be distinctive lines not more than four (6) inches wide or saucer cones.
2. A halfway line shall be marked at midfield.
3. A center circle with a six (6) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
5. Goal area – two (2) yards out from each goal post and two (2) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. Penalty area – six (6) yards out from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

C. Goals:

1. Two (2) furnished by the home team.
2. The maximum goal size is six (6) feet high and twelve (12) feet wide, the minimum goal size is six (6) feet high and six (6) feet wide.
3. The goals must be anchored down.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Height: 6 feet Width: 8 feet

### **LAW 2 - THE BALL:**

A. Size three (3) furnished by the home team.

### **LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time: four (4), one (1) shall be a goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed: eight (8).
- C. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, during any stoppage of play.
- D. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total season playing time.

#### **LAW 4 - PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soccer shoes with soft cleats.
  2. Shin-guards: Mandatory, approved manufactured age and size-specific. Socks must be worn up and over the shin-guards.
  3. No jewelry of any kind or decorative items in the hair such as beads, clips, etc.
  4. No casts or splints are allowed. Other medical devices may be allowed as long as such a device does not pose a hazard to the player/other players.
  5. Shorts and shirts should be of like color for each team. Home team will switch colors if needed.

#### **LAW 5 - REFEREE:**

- A. Responsibility of home team:
  1. Registered Referee.
  2. Parent/Coach or Assistant Coach.
  3. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
  4. Rule infractions may be briefly explained to the offending player if requested.

#### **LAW 6 ASSISTANT REFEREES:**

- A. GRJSA does not recommend the use of assistant referees for U-8 games.

#### **LAW 7 DURATION OF GAME:**

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves.
- B. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between halves.

#### **LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  1. Opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.
  2. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off.

#### **LAW 9 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 10 METHOD OF SCORING:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 11 OFFSIDE:**

- A. Modified offside, meaning the spirit of the offside law applies (no cherry picking).

## **LAW 12 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. All fouls will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK with the opponents six (6) yards away.
  - 2. No slide tackles.
  - 3. No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper, harass the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever.
  - 4. Also included in “having control of the ball” is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands or fingertips.
  - 5. No charging the goalkeeper in the penalty/goal area.
- B. No caution or send offs shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral Referee. Players may be sent to the touchline for a timeout to discuss the infraction with the coach/adult.
- C. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of parents, spectators and players.
- D. Misconduct by parents, coaches and spectators MUST be reported to the Association.

## **LAW 13 FREE KICKS:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. All free kicks shall be classified as indirect.
  - 2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
  - 3. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal area. The ball will be placed on the six (6) yard line.

## **LAW 14 PENALTY KICKS:**

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games:

## **LAW 15 THROW-IN:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. A second throw-in is allowed if the player commits a foul on initial attempt. The Referee may explain or ask the coach to explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

## **LAW 16 GOAL KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. Goal Kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
  - 2. Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.

## **LAW 17 CORNER KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.

## **LAW 18 COACHING:**

- A. Coaching will be made from the touchline through positive reinforcement.
- B. A coach may NOT step onto the field during play.
- C. A coach shall not enter the penalty area or stand behind the goal line. This includes parents and spectators.
- D. Coaches and spectators must remain between the penalty areas.
- E. There will be no standings kept for this league.
- F. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.
- G. Use of tobacco products is prohibited on all school properties.
- H. The home team shall choose the side that their team and spectators will be on and the opposing team, and their spectators, must be on the other side. If the field conditions prohibit the use of both sides of the field (decided by the referee) then each team and their spectators shall be on their half of the touchline.

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## U-9 Laws of the Game

Player Exposure & Learning Experience

### **LAW 1 - THE FIELD:**

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular: length not more than 45 yards nor less than 35 yards; width not more than 30 yards nor less than 20 yards. The length shall exceed the width.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Length: Forty-five (45) yards    Width: Thirty (30) yards

B. Markings: To be done by the home team.

1. Field markings are to be distinctive lines not more than four (4) inches wide or saucer cones.
2. A halfway line shall be marked at midfield.
3. A center circle with a ten (10) radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
5. Goal area – four (4) yards from each goal post and four (4) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. Penalty area – ten (10) yards from each goal post and ten (10) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

C. Goals:

1. Two (2) furnished by the home team.
2. The maximum goal size is six (6) feet high and eighteen (18) feet wide, the minimum goal size is six (6) feet high and eight (8) feet wide.
3. The Goals must be anchored down.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Height: 6 (six) feet    Width: 12 (twelve) feet

### **LAW 2 - THE BALL:**

A. Size four (4) furnished by the home team.

### **LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- A. Maximum number of players on the field per team: five (5), one must be a goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed: nine (9).
- C. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, during any stoppage of play.
- D. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total season playing time.

#### **LAW 4 - PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soccer shoes with soft cleats.
  - 2. Shin-guards: Mandatory, approved manufactured age and size-specific. Socks must be worn up and over the shin-guards.
  - 3. No jewelry of any kind or decorative items in the hair such as beads, clips, etc.
  - 4. No casts or splints are allowed. Other medical devices may be allowed as long as such a device does not pose a hazard to the player/other players.
  - 5. Shorts and shirts should be of like color for each team. Home team will switch colors if needed.

#### **LAW 5 - REFEREE:**

- A. Responsibility of home team:
  - 1. Registered Referee.
  - 2. Assistants Referees.
  - 3. Parent/Coach or Assistant Coach.
  - 4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
  - 5. All rule infractions may be briefly explained to the offending player if requested.

#### **LAW 6 ASSISTANT REFEREES:**

- A. The decision to use assistant referees is left to the discretion of the Club and center referee.

#### **LAW 7 DURATION OF GAME:**

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves.
- B. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between halves.

#### **LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. Opponents must be ten (10) yards from the center mark for the kick-off.
  - 2. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off.

#### **LAW 9 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 10 METHOD OF SCORING:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 11 OFFSIDE:**

- A. Modified offside, meaning the spirit of the offside law applies (no cherry picking).

### **LAW 12 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. All fouls will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK with the opponents ten (10) yards away.
  - 2. No slide tackles.
  - 3. No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper, harass the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever.
  - 4. Also included in “having control of the ball” is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands or fingertips.
  - 5. No charging the goalkeeper in the penalty/goal area.
- B. The Referee may explain infractions to the offending player, if requested.
- C. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of parents, spectators and players.
- D. Misconduct by parents, coaches and spectators MUST be reported to the Association.

### **LAW 13 FREE KICKS:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. All free kicks shall be classified as indirect.
  - 2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
  - 3. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal area. The ball placed on the four (4) yard line.

### **LAW 14 PENALTY KICKS:**

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games:

### **LAW 15 THROW-IN:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. A second throw-in is allowed if the player commits an infraction on the initial attempt.

### **LAW 16 GOAL KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. Goal Kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
  - 2. Opponents must be ten (10) yards away the ball.

### **LAW 17 CORNER KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. Opponents must be ten (10) yards away from the ball.

## **LAW 18 COACHING:**

- A. Coaching from the touchline is permitted but not recommended. Only positive reinforcement allowed.
- B. Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Players, and spectators must be two (2) yards behind the touchline and between the penalty areas. No one may stand behind the goal line, including parents and spectators.
- C. A coach shall not touch the ball when it is in play. Restart: Indirect Free Kick.
- D. There will be no standings kept for this league.
- E. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.
- F. Use of tobacco products is prohibited on all school properties.
- G. The home team shall choose the side that their team and spectators will be on and the opposing team, and their spectators, must be on the other side. If the field conditions prohibit the use of both sides of the field (decided by the referee) then each team and their spectators shall be on their half of the touchline.

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## U-10 Laws of the Game

Player Exposure & Learning Experience

### **LAW 1 - THE FIELD:**

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular; length not more than 55 yards nor less than 35 yards; and width not more than 35 yards nor less than 30 yards. The length shall exceed the width.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Length: Fifty-five (55) yards Width: Thirty-five (35) yards

B. Markings: To be done by the home team.

1. Field markings are to be distinctive lines not more than four (4) inches wide or saucer cones.
2. A halfway line shall be marked at midfield.
3. A center circle with a ten (10) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
5. Goal area – six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. Penalty area – fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

C. Goals:

1. Two (2) furnished by the home team.
2. The maximum goal size is six (6) feet high and eighteen (18) feet wide, the minimum goal size is six (6) feet high and twelve (12) feet wide.
3. The goals must be anchored down.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Height: six (6) feet Width: eighteen (18) feet

### **LAW 2 - THE BALL:**

A. Size four (4) furnished by the home team.

### **LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time: six (6), one (1) shall be a goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed: ten (10).
- C. Substitutions may be made, with the permission of the referee, during any stoppage of play.
- D. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total season playing time.

#### **LAW 4 - PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soccer shoes with soft cleats.
  - 2. Approved manufactured age and size-specific shin-guards are mandatory. Must be covered completely by socks.
  - 3. No jewelry of any kind or decorative items in the hair such as beads, clips, etc.
  - 4. No casts or splints are allowed. Other medical devices may be allowed as long as such a device does not pose a hazard to the player/other players.
  - 5. Shorts and shirts should be of like color for each team. Home team will switch colors if needed.

#### **LAW 5 - REFEREE:**

- A. Responsibility of home club:
  - 1. Registered Referee.
  - 2. Assistant Referees.
  - 3. Parent/Coach or Assistant Coach as mutually agreed to by both coaches.
  - 4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
  - 5. Rule infractions may be briefly explained to the offending player if requested.

#### **LAW 6 ASSISTANT REFEREES:**

- A. The decision to use Assistant Referees is left to the discretion of the Club and center referee.

#### **LAW 7 DURATION OF GAME:**

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves.
- B. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between halves.

#### **LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  - 1. Opponents must be ten (10) yards from the center mark for the kick-off.

#### **LAW 9 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 10 METHOD OF SCORING:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 11 OFFSIDE:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

### **LAW 12 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  - 1. No slide tackles.
  - 2. No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper, harass the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever.
  - 3. Also included in “having control of the ball” is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands or fingertips.
  - 4. No charging the goalkeeper in the penalty/goal area.
- B. Caution or send off may be issued to players by a neutral referee.
- C. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of parents, spectators and players.
- D. Misconduct by parents, coaches and spectators **MUST** be reported to the Association.

### **LAW 13 FREE KICKS:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

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- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

### **LAW 15 THROW-IN:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

### **LAW 16 GOAL KICK:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
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- C. There will be scores kept for this league.
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### **LAW 1 - THE FIELD:**

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular; length not more than 80 yards nor less than 50 yards; and width not more than 50 yards nor less than 35 yards. The length shall exceed the width.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Length: Eighty (80) yards Width: Fifty (50) yards

B. Markings: To be done by the home team.

1. Field markings are to be distinctive lines not more than four (4) inches wide or saucer cones.
2. A halfway line shall be marked at midfield.
3. A center circle with a ten (10) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
5. Goal area – six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. Penalty area – fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
7. Penalty Mark will be 12 yards from the goal line and centered in front of the goal.

C. Goals:

1. Two (2) furnished by the home team.
2. The goal size is eight (8) feet high and twenty-four (24) feet wide.
3. Goal must be anchored down.

### **LAW 2 - THE BALL:**

A. Size four (4) furnished by the home team.

### **LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time: nine (9), one (1) shall be a goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed: fourteen (14).
- C. Substitutions may be made, with the permission of the referee, during any stoppage of play.
- D. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total season playing time.

#### **LAW 4 - PLAYER EQUIPMENT:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
  1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soccer shoes with soft cleats.
  2. Approved manufactured age and size-specific shin-guards are mandatory. Must be covered completely by socks.
  3. No jewelry of any kind or decorative items in the hair such as beads, clips, etc.
  4. No casts or splints are allowed. Other medical devices may be allowed as long as such a device does not pose a hazard to the player/other players.
  5. Shorts and shirts should be of like color for each team. Home team will switch colors if needed.

#### **LAW 5 - REFEREE:**

- A. Responsibility of home team:
  1. Registered Referee.
  2. Assistant Referees.
  3. Parent/Coach or Assistant Coach as mutually agreed to by both coaches.
  4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
  5. Rule infractions may be briefly explained to the offending player, if requested.
  6. If there is no referee, then a coach or designated parent from each team shall officiate half of the match.

#### **LAW 6 ASSISTANT REFEREES:**

- A. The decision to use Assistant Referees is left to the discretion of the Club and center referee.

#### **LAW 7 DURATION OF GAME:**

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) thirty (30) minute halves.
- B. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between halves.

#### **LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
  1. Opponents must be ten (10) yards from the center mark for the kick-off.

#### **LAW 9 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 10 METHOD OF SCORING:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

#### **LAW 11 OFFSIDE:**

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

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