

RULE MODIFICATIONS FOR 10U/11U RECREATION LEAGUE (as sanctioned by GYSA and GSA North)

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Field of Play (Law 1):

- No one shall be allowed behind the end lines during the course of a match.
- Coaches and players will be on opposite side of field from spectators. *
- Coaches and substitutes are to remain in the technical area during match play.

Ball Size (Law 2):

- Size 4 ball shall be used.

Number of Players (Law 3):

- Maximum number on the field – 7
- Number to start match – 6
- Number to finish match – 6
- Prior to the start of a match, a complete team roster shall be prepared by each team coach and presented to the match official. Ineligible players shall be marked with an “X”. A player not listed on the roster at the start of the game shall be ineligible to play in that game.

Substitutions (Law 3):

- Players being substituted must exit the field of play prior to players coming on the field.
- All players should leave and enter the field at the middle of the field.
- Half of each half is the mandated playing time minimum per player.
- Substitutions shall be unlimited.
- Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the match official, at the following times:
 - Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
 - Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 - After a goal is scored.
 - After an injury, by either team, when the match official stops play. Substitutions shall not be limited to only the injured player on his team.
 - At half time.
 - After a caution, by either team.
 - Substitutions are NOT allowed during the stoppage of play for a player being sent off.
- No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the match official.
- The goalkeeper must be given at least as much time in each match as a field player as he or she plays as goalkeeper.
- Please note that the game clock will run during the “substitution times” in both halves of play. The game clock does not stop. *

Player’s Equipment (Law 4):

- Players shall wear only soccer specific molded cleats/turfs or tennis shoes.
- Players shall not play with a cast.
- All players must wear shin guards covered **entirely** with socks.
- Goalkeepers shall wear a shirt of a **different** color from his teammates and his opponents.
- Jewelry and metal hair clips are not permitted. *

Duration of Game (Law 7):

- Two 30-minute halves.
- Half-time shall last 10 minutes.

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Start of Play (Law 8):

- Opponents must be ten yards from the center mark while a kick-off is in progress.
- Goals **may** be scored directly off a kick-off.

Fouls and Misconduct (Law 12):

- Heading the ball will result in an indirect free kick.
- **SLIDE TACKLING IS DISCOURAGED** – However in the event this occurs the match official will judge if the play was fair or foul.
- When the goalkeeper has taken possession of the ball within his or her own penalty area, opposing players are required to move away and to the side so as not to interfere with the goalkeeper putting the ball into play.
- Opposing players shall not play or touch the ball until it has left the penalty area after the ball is controlled by a goalkeeper.
- A goalkeeper shall be penalized for handling the ball ***intentionally passed*** to him from the feet of a teammate.
- Note: if a goalkeeper punts the ball which strikes a teammate within the penalty area and rebounds into the goal, a goal shall be awarded to the opposing team.

Goal Kick (Law 16):

- Opposing players may not play the ball until it clears the penalty area.
- Goals **may** be scored directly from goal kicks.

Corner Kick (Law 17):

- Opponents must be ten yards away from the ball.

Sportsmanship (Section 7000):

- All persons in authority will conduct themselves in a manner that will not contribute to the delinquency of minors.
- Offensive, insulting and abusive language will not be tolerated, either on field of play or in field's general area.
- Respect for the match officials must be shown by all.
- Proper respect for opposing teams and spectators must be exhibited by all.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, team officials and spectators.
- Physical violence, foul and abusive language, or harassment of players or match officials **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
- Any player or coach ejected from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next scheduled game. In the event a player or coach refuses to leave the premises after having been ejected by the match official, he shall be automatically suspended from the next 2 games. (Note: Since some coaches coach more than one team, game suspensions will apply to the team for which the coach received the ejection.)
- Anyone not acting within the spirit of the above sportsmanship guidelines may be suspended by the Gwinnett Soccer Academy Board of Directors. *