

# WYSL U8 Recreational Soccer Rules

All games will be 6v6 including a goalkeeper (5 players and a Keeper). They will consist of two 20 minute halves with a 5 minute break for halftime. There will be no quarter breaks.

The games will be officiated by one Referee. The following rules will apply: All fouls and rules will be called per FIFA Laws. Unless stated here.

- Each player will play at least 50% of the game
- Substitutions by either team will be allowed on the fly. **They must be done from the half line.** The player being subbed for must be all the way off the field. They can run off anywhere, but the new player must come on from the centerline.
- There will be NO off-sides calls, but try to teach them to be on.
- Throw-ins will be used. The players are learning, as referees we will not allow mistakes to stop the game, unless in OUR opinion a HUGE advantage was gained. It is on the coaches to try to teach a proper throw-in. If this does not work we will switch to a kick-in.
- All kicks are In-direct kicks and can **NOT** score directly into the goal (they need to be touch by one other player).
- Opponents must be at least 5 yards away from all corner kicks and In-direct kicks-except from the penalty box line which will be 8 yards.
- Goal kicks can be taken from anywhere on the Penalty Box Line. The opposing team must be 8 yards away from the Penalty Box. Note: The opposing team does not have to be ready on goal kicks, corner kicks and foul kicks. When the team kicking is ready, they kick and play resumes.
- When play needs to be stopped for any other reason (player down, injury, child or animal on the field, etc.) play will be resumed by a dropped ball where the ball is when the whistle is blown.
- There will be NO penalty kicks. Any foul or penalty in the box will be brought straight out to the penalty box line for the kick. You must be 8 yards away. Yes, you can build a wall, if asked for, the Ref will help.
- Players WILL NOT be carded. The Referee will ask for a player to be substituted for when THEY feel it is needed. DO NOT argue, just sub the player and give the player instruction. Set a good example to your players and parents. You will definitely not always agree, JUST DO IT!
- When possible all fouls, penalties or stoppages will be explained.
- Goal Kicks and Goalie punts that reach (in the air) to the opposing Goal will result in a Goal kick for the opposing team.

Note: These are rec games and rules (but not the Laws of the Game) may be changed with the agreement of both coaches and the official (ie: playing with less players, borrowing players from the other team, adding a 2 minute water break in the middle of the half on hot days, Shortening the halves). Please do not try to change rules unless there is a good reason.