



TWIN CITY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION JUNIOR'S PROGRAM

U8 4v4 Laws of the Game

SAFETY AND THE WELL BEING OF THE CHILDREN COME FIRST!
NOTHING IS NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE TWINS
ORGANIZATION THEN THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF IT'S PLAYERS.
EVERYTHING ELSE COMES SECOND.

Law 1 – Have Fun

- Make all practices as fun as possible and help us to introduce this wonderful game of soccer to the players in our organization.
- Promote and reward good sportsmanship.
- Encourage parents to cheer for the team and not the individuals. Have parents praise their child when he or she comes off the pitch.

Law 2 – Ball size

- All players shall play with a size-3 ball

Law 3 – Field Sizes

- Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Length: minimum 25 yards maximum 35 yards

Width: minimum 20 yards maximum 30 yards

- Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line.
- The Goal Area: A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line three (3) yards from the outside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of five (5) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.
- The Penalty Area: none.
- Flagposts: Conform to FIFA.
- The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corners and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The recommended distance between the posts is Twelve (12) feet and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet. Goals may be smaller in dimension.

Law 4 – Team Sizes

- All teams will be a maximum of 8 players and a minimum of 6.
- A maximum of 4 players per team will be allowed on the pitch during the duration of all games (4v4 Games)
- THERE ARE NO GOALIES

Law 5 - Players' Equipment

- All Players will conform to FIFA equipment standards with the following exceptions:
 - Shin Guards are MANDATORY
 - Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes maybe worn
 - Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but must be worn under the player's uniforms to distinguish teams.
 - No Jewelry of any kind may be worn during the duration of the game (Including Pierced Ears). Tape over earrings is not acceptable.

Law 6 – Referee and Linesman

- The Referee: An OFFICIAL (Game Manager or Coordinator or Parent or Coach or Grade 9 referee) may be used.
- There will be one Referee and no Linesman – Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Parents may be asked to help with out of bound calls. The Referee has all final say on all out of bound calls.
- **THERE WILL BE NO TOLERANCE OF REPRIMANDING, SCOLDING, TEASING OR YELLING OF OUR LEAGUE REFEREES.**
- No coaches or parents are permitted on the pitch during the duration of play. In the event of an injury coaches will be asked to assist referees with the injured players. FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PLAYERS PARENTS ARE TO REMAIN OFF THE PITCH UNLESS ASKED BY THE REFEREE TO STEP ON.
- There are no direct kicks. All player infractions are to be briefly explained to the offending player. Resume of play shall be restarted with an indirect kick from the team offended. Player offended should be the player to take the indirect kick.

Law 7 Player Conduct

- All players will conform to FIFA standards.
- The following will not be allowed nor tolerated: hitting, kicking, biting, pushing, charging, screaming or rough housing.

Law 8 – Duration of the Practice and Games

- Practices shall be no more then one-hour and 15-minutes long.
- All games shall be played in four equal quarters consisting of 10-minutes.
- There will be two minutes between quarters and a 5-minute half time.
- Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- All players are to play both offensively and defensively.

Law 9 – Start of Play

- The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.
- Players will start and restart all Kickoffs on their defensive sides.
- Goals may not be scored from the Kickoff.

Law 10 – Ball in and out of play

- Conform to FIFA Laws

Law 11 – The Method of Scoring

- Conform to FIFA Laws

Law 12 – Off-sides

- Off-sides is not enforced in compliance with USYS guidelines

Law 13 – Fouls and Misconduct

- Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions
 - All kicks are indirect and all opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play. Placement of the ball for all indirect kicks will be at the discretion of the referees.

Law 14 – Free Kicks

- Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions
 - All kicks are indirect and all opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play. Placement of the ball for all Free Kicks will be at the discretion of the referees.

Law 15 – Penalty Kicks

- Penalty Kicks: None

Law 16 – Throw-Ins

- Conform to FIFA Laws with the exception:
 - That an improperly performed throw-in can be retaken once. If a third attempt is needed for the throw-in please allow play to continue.
 - Referees are to give a brief explanation of why the throw-in was incorrect.

Law 17 – Goal Kicks

- Conform to FIFA Laws with following exceptions:
 - Players must stand on their defensive side of the Pitch
 - A goal may not be scored directly from a goal kick

Law 18 – Corner Kicks

- Conform to FIFA Laws with following exceptions:
 - All Players must be four (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play.