

## 15-U Boys and Girls Rules and Guidelines:

1. On a kick off (at the beginning of the game, the beginning of the second half, or after a goal is scored) the ball must move forward by the kick off team before it is passed back. After the ball is moved forward the player that passes it forward **may not** touch it until another player on either team touches it first. All defensive players are to remain on the painted circle until the ball is touched. After the ball is touched the Defensive player may advance towards the ball or player. Offensive players may have up to **TWO** players approach the ball, **however**; the offensive players **MAY NOT** cross the half field line prior to the ball being touched. If an **OFFENSIVE** player crosses the line and/ or passes the ball backwards rather than forwards that team will *forfeit* their possession and the other team will be awarded the kick off.
  - 1.1. **OFFSIDES**: is defined under the official FIFA Laws.
  - 1.2. Special cases where offside is **NOT** called.
    - a.) If he or she receives the ball directly from a goal kick, throw in or corner kick even he or she is in the offside position, **HOWEVER** once the ball is touched, the offside rule is in effect and if it is then played to a player in an offside position, off sides may be called. (Note) The offside rule does not apply on a free kick.
2. Each player should play at least 50% of the game.
3. There will be TWO periods of play. Each period will be Forty (40) minutes long. At halftime players will have Ten (10) minutes to rehydrate and receive instruction from coaches
4. Substitutions
  - 4.1. The number of substitutions shall be unlimited unless competition under OYSAN jurisdiction determines otherwise. Substitutes may not enter the field of play until receiving a signal to do so from the referee and must do so at the half line. Substitutions may be made by either team at the following times:
  - 4.2. When it is your possession on a throw in or if the other team is substituting on their possession for a throw in with the approval of the referee.
  - 4.3. Substitutions may be made on corner kicks by the team with possession only with the approval of the referee.
  - 4.4. Either team may substitute on either team's goal kick with the approval of the referee.
  - 4.5. **ALL** substitutions are to be made **ONLY** with the referee's permission.
  - 4.6. When throwing a ball back into play the players must have contact with the ground at **ALL** times prior to the ball being released. If the player lifts a foot on a throw in that team **LOSES POSSESSION**. The other team is then awarded the throw in.
  - 4.7. Any stoppage of play per FIFA Laws.
5. On a goal kick the Goalie may place the ball **ANYWHERE** on the goal box line.
6. **NO** Slide Tackling at this level of play. First offense will be a warning to both teams by the referee, second team offense will result in a yellow card, third offense shall result in a red card and the player **WILL** be suspended for the rest of that game and that team will play a player down for the remainder of the game. The red card offender will also be suspended for the next game. If a coach knowingly allows a suspended player to participate in a suspended game the head coach will be suspended from his next game and the team will forfeit their next scheduled game.
7. Never criticize or argue with the Referee. It is a tough job and mistakes will be made. **REMEMBER** we as coaches are the role model. The Referee's have the final decision.
8. Scores are **NOT** to be run up. If you are ahead put your "weaker" players in the forward position so that they may have the opportunity to learn newer positions and gain newer skills. This level of play is intended to still instruct and to teach the players the game of soccer. Winning isn't everything.
9. **ALL** Official FIFA Laws and Regulations of the game will also be in effect.
10. **HAVE FUN!**

**Who makes the rules?** The official soccer rules are called the "Laws of the Game" and are revised annually (usually in July) by FIFA (pronounced "FEE' fuh"), the world soccer governing body, but youth organizations usually adjust the rules to fit children. Typical adjustments are field sizes, game lengths, number of players per team, the number and frequency of substitutions, "offside" is sometimes not called, and slide tackling is sometimes not allowed. Field sizes, ball sizes, length of games & rules vary by age group. The FIFA Laws do not require separate teams for girls and boys, but many soccer clubs and associations have separate leagues for boys and girls. Discuss the rule variations with an official of your league. You can find the "Laws of the Game" at [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com) (on the FIFA Home Page enter "Laws" in the search feature).