

## LAWS OF THE GAME SPECIFIC TO UNDER 7

- **Law I**
  - Field Size
    - 25 x 35
  
- **Law II**
  - Ball Size
    - Size 3 ball
  
- **Law III**
  - Number of players and substitutions
    - Under 7 will play 4 v 4, **without** a goalkeeper.
  
    - SUBS: Only at the end of quarters unless there is an injury or a player initiated need for a substitution and then only at the permission of the referee. Substitutions without notification of the referee will result in a warning to the coach.
  
    - Each recreational player, when present at the game, shall be required to play the minimum of 50% of the time, unless the players time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (**consistent non**-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action). **Note: CISA requires** that the appropriate age group commissioner be notified prior to the game as well as the referee.
  
- **Law IV**
  - Uniform
    - Must have a jersey with a number (no duplicate numbers on team) and shin guards **must be worn** under the sock. No jewelry is allowed including ear rings and hard metal hair clips. Ear rings must be removed for a player to be allowed to play. Tennis shoes or soft cleated soccer shoes - NO baseball or football cleats.
  
- **Law V/VI**
  - Officials
    - Referee will only be a center referee. Referee calls are final and will not be disputed by a coach or spectator. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their spectators and if the coach is unable to maintain composure of their spectators, he/she will be ejected from the game.
  
- **Law VII**
  - Game Duration
    - Four 10 minute quarter and 2 minutes between quarters & a 5 min halftime

- **Law VIII**
  - Start of Play
    - Will be by kick off for the 1st and 3rd quarters. The 2nd and 4th quarters will start with where the ball was at the end of the previous quarter. If there was no stoppage then play will restart with a drop ball. Kick offs are indirect free kicks.
  
- **Law IX**
  - Ball in and out of play
    - Must fully cross the goal or touchline to be out of play
  
- **Law X**
  - Method of scoring
    - Fully crossing the goal line within the goal in the opinion of the referee
  
- **Law XI**
  - Offsides
    - Not at this age
  
- **Law XII**
  - Fouls and Misconduct
    - It is not an intentional “hand-ball” offense for any player to attempt to protect the vital areas of his or her body (chest, crotch, face) by placing hands or arms across them to protect them from being struck at close range by the ball. The match referee shall be the sole judge of whether the hands or arms were used to **deliberately propel** the ball. A ball that is kicked into a player’s arm is not considered handling the ball.
    - Coaches and assistant coaches are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the referee and may be issued a caution and/or an ejection.
  
- **Law XIII**
  - Free Kick
    - Indirect for all kicks-kick off, goal kick, free kick, and corner kicks; opposing players must be 3 yards away
  
- **Law XIV**
  - Penalty Kick
    - None at this age
  
- **Law XV**
  - Throw-In & Proper technique.

- Opposing players must be 2 yards away. If the throw in is improperly done one redo is allowed and then play continues if the second throw is still incorrect
- **Law XVI**
  - Goal Kick
    - Must clear the penalty area (outside box) prior to being touched by any player
- **Law XVII**
  - Corner Kick
    - Taken by the attacking team, opposing players must be 3 yards away and is an indirect free kick.
- **General Information:**
  - All free kicks are indirect. The ball must be touched by another player before it can be live and score a goal. These kicks include: kick off, goal kick, corner kicks, and a kick that resulted from a foul being called.
  - Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
  - No scoring or standings are kept at this age.
  - Participation awards for **ALL**.
  - Coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be located not less than **1 yard** from outside the touchline. No one should be behind the goal line during play.
  - **NO** individual will be allowed to run the length of the field except participants in the game.
  - No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed in the Soccer Complex. Smoking and animals in the Complex are banned as well. This includes E-smoking.
  - In extreme heat conditions water breaks can be granted by the referee at any time during the game. Players leave the field while they drink.
  - Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
  - All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player