



Fishers Soccer Club Recreational Division Laws

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	U9 and U10	U12	U14
Law 1 The Field	Minimum: 45 x 35 yards, Maximum: 55 x 45 yards	Minimum: 75 x 55 yards, Maximum: 80 x 60 yards	100 yards x 70 yards (approximate)
Law 2 The Ball	A size 4 ball will be used.		A size 5 ball will be used.
Law 3 The Players	Teams will roster between 8 and 10 players. Games will be played with a maximum of 6 players per side, 1 of whom is the goal keeper. Any player dismissed from the game (shown a red card) MAY be replaced. No one player will play goal keeper for more than one-half (2 quarters) of a single game. Substitutions will be made at the discretion of the referee on goal kicks (either team), following a goal (either team), or on a throw-in (throwing team).	Teams will roster between 10 and 12 players. Games will be played with a maximum of 8 players per side, 1 of whom is the goal keeper. Any player dismissed from the game (shown a red card) may NOT be replaced.	Teams will roster between 12 and 15 players. Games will be played with a maximum of 11 players per side, 1 of whom is the goal keeper. Any player dismissed from the game (shown a red card) may NOT be replaced.
Law 4 Players Equipment	The uniform is a jersey, shorts, calf socks, shinguards and shoes. Nothing potentially injurious to the player or another player may be worn (including jewelry and metal hair clips). The goal keeper must wear a different color jersey (or penny) to distinguish them from the other players.		
Law 5 The Referee	The referee is in charge of all game activities and is to insure each team abides by the rules. The referee's decision is final. It is the referee's responsibility to keep the game clock, stop the game for injuries, and remind players and coaches of proper game conduct. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.		
Law 6 Assistant Referees	There may be two assistant referees who assist in determining out of bounds, corner kicks and goal kicks. The referee may overrule assistant referees. The assistant referee may be a parent or licensed official.	There will be two assistant referees who assist in determining out of bounds, corner kicks and goal kicks. The referee may overrule assistant referees.	
Law 7 Game Duration	The game will be divided into 4 equal, 12 minute quarters. There will be 2 minute breaks between quarters one and two and three and four. There will be a half-time interval of 5 minutes. Time will be continuous unless there is a stoppage for injury or extraordinary interruption. The referee reserves the right to reduce the length of the periods to accommodate the time schedule.	The game will be divided into 2 equal periods of 30 minutes with a 5 minute half-time. Time will be continuous unless there is a stoppage for injury or extraordinary interruption.	The game will be divided into 2 equal periods of 35 minutes with a 5 minute half-time. Time will be continuous unless there is a stoppage for injury or extraordinary interruption.
Law 8 Start of Play	A kick off starts play to begin the game, after halftime, and following a scored goal. The ball must move forward and may not be retouched by the kicker until any other player touches the ball. For the second period, teams exchange ends and defend the opposite goals.		
Law 9 Ball In and Out of Play	The ball is out of play when it has entirely crossed the the sideline or goal line or when play has been stopped by the referee. Any ball striking a referee, goal post, or corner flag, and remaining on the field is in play.		
Law 10 Goal Scoring	A goal is scored when the ball entirely crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar.		
Law 11 Offside	Offside is not an infraction in this division.	While moving toward an opponent's goal, the offensive team may not have a player ahead of the ball unless there are two defending players between the player and the goal. Exceptions include when the player is in his/her own half of the field, or when a defender last touched the ball. The referee has the right to call or to not call the infraction depending upon whether the player is actually engaged in the play.	
Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct	An indirect free kick shall be awarded for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling the ball • Tripping • Jumping at an opponent • Holding • Striking an opponent • Pushing • Violent charge • Kicking • Charging from behind • Dangerous play (high kick) • Charging away from the ball • Opponent obstruction <p>The referee may choose not to call the infraction if the offending player gains no unfair advantage.</p>	A. A direct free kick shall be awarded for the following infractions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling the ball • Tripping • Jumping at an opponent • Holding • Striking an opponent • Pushing • Violent charge • Kicking • Charging from behind B. An indirect free kick (that is a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has touched a player other than the kicker prior to entering the goal) shall be awarded for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous play (high kick) • Charging away from the ball • Opponent obstruction • Goalkeeper holding the ball for more than 6 seconds. • Goalkeeper handles the ball played purposely from a teammate • Offsides 	
Law 13 Free Kicks	All free kicks are indirect and opponents are at least 4 yards from the ball until it is in play. The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player. If the ball is kicked directly into the opponent's goal a goal kick is awarded. If the ball is kicked directly into the team's own goal a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.	Free kicks are either direct or indirect. Opponents are at least 8 yards from the ball on 3/4 sized fields until it is in play. Opponents are at least 10 yards from the ball on full sized fields until the ball is in play. The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player. <i>Direct Kick:</i> If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the opponents' goal, a goal is awarded. If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team. <i>Indirect Kick:</i> If the indirect free kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal a goal kick is awarded. If the indirect free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.	

Law 14 Penalty Kicks	Penalty kicks are not awarded in this division.	Penalty kicks are awarded if a serious rule (12A) infraction takes place in the penalty area. All players except the goalie must stand out of the penalty box and behind the ball placement (12 yards) until the ball is kicked. The player taking the penalty kick cannot kick the ball again until any other player has touched the ball. The keeper must remain on the goal line until the ball is kicked.		
Law 15 Inbound Throws	After the ball has entirely crossed the sideline, the team not last touching the ball shall be awarded a throw-in. Throw-in regulations: Both feet must be on the ground (on or behind the sidelines) when the throw is made. Both hands must throw the ball, directly over the head. A second attempt may be allowed on an incorrect throw-in per referee discretion. If a second attempt is allowed, the player attempting the first throw-in must attempt the second.	No second attempt will be allowed for an incorrect throw-in.		
Law 16 Goal Kicks	A goal kick is awarded when the ball passes entirely over the goal line but not within the goal scoring area and is last touched by an offensive player. The defending team (now making the goal kick) may place the ball anywhere within the goal area. The ball must leave the penalty area before it is again in play and may be touched by another player of either team. If the ball does not travel outside the penalty area prior to being touched a rekick is awarded.			
Law 17 Corner Kick	A corner kick is awarded when the ball entirely crosses the goal line and is last touched by a defensive player and is not a goal. The ball is placed inside the quarter circle nearest the corner flag post indicated by the referee. An offensive player may then kick the ball. The kicker may not touch the ball a second time until after it is touched by another player. A goal may be scored directly from corner kick. The opposing team must be at least 10 yards away. A goal may be scored without another player touching the ball.			
Local Rules:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An emphasis is to be placed on fun and development. • All players and coaches shall be on one side of the field opposite from the parents and spectators. • Players and coaches shall remain on their own half of the sideline. • No coaches or parents are permitted at the goal they are defending. • No coaches on the field unless injury has occurred and have been invited by the referee. • No pets are to be brought to the field. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No score is to be kept. • No standings are to be kept. • IYS U9/U10 Punt Restricted Rule is to be enforced. * </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score may be kept. • Standings may be kept. </td> </tr> </table>		In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No score is to be kept. • No standings are to be kept. • IYS U9/U10 Punt Restricted Rule is to be enforced. * 	In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score may be kept. • Standings may be kept.
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*** IYS U9/U10 Restricted Punt Rule**

Punting and/or Drop Kicks are allowed, however the ball may not land past midfield without touching the ground or another player first. Throwing, rolling, and/or putting the ball down on the ground and kicking it beyond midfield line in air is allowed.

In the case of an infraction, an indirect free kick will be awarded. The indirect free kick will be placed at the midfield line.