

## U8 DIVISION RULES – 4 V 4

### ***Law 1- The Playing Field.***

- A. The goals and playing field are downscaled to suit age group.

### ***Law 2 - Ball Size***

- A. A size four (4) ball is used.

### ***Law 3- Number Of Players***

- A. Maximum - 4
- B. Minimum - 3
- C. GOALKEEPERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THIS DIVISION.
- D. Substitutions will be made at quarters or for an injury. All players will play at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of each game.

### ***Law 5- The Referee***

- A. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

### ***Law 7 - Duration Of The Game***

- A. There will be four (4) ten (10) minute quarters.
- B. There will be (5) five-minute breaks between quarters.
- C. Please adhere to all time limits. Game duration may be shortened at the referee 's discretion in order to keep the games on time.

### **Law 8: Start and Restart of Game**

- Kick off** – defending team must be back 10 feet from center spot prior to the kick.

### ***Law 9 - Offside***

- A. No offside violation will be called.

### ***Law 12- Fouls And Misconduct***

- A. All direct kick fouls will be taken from the spot of the infraction. If the foul occurs within 10 yards of the goal, the direct kick will be taken at least 10 yards from the goal. The defending team may build a wall at least seven (7) yards from the spot of the kick. The referee should expedite the kick as not to penalize the fouled team.
- B. No slide tackling is allowed in this age group. The penalty is a direct kick for the offended team.**
- A. Players should not be stationed at the goal arc area. Coaches should have players move out to a reasonable defensive position. The goal arc area is a no-play area. An offensive player may not score a goal while in this area. A goal kick will be the result. Defensive players may not play a ball in this area. A goal will be the result.

### ***Law 14 - Penalty Kicks***

- A. No penalty kicks are given in this age group.

### ***Law 15 - Throw-ins***

- A. A second throw-in is allowed when the first one causes a violation.
- B. The referee will explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw. After a second violation the ball is turned over to the other team.

### ***Law 16 - Goal Kicks***

- A. Goal kicks can be taken from anywhere on the end line. Opposing team will back up to mid-field stripe.
- B. The ball is in play as soon as it is kicked and moves.

### ***Law 17 – Corner Kicks***

- A. Corner kicks will be taken.

A goal may not be scored when kicked from behind the midfield line.