

U6 and U8 DIVISION RULES – 4 v 4

League Philosophy

All Instructional League Divisions of LYSA are to be considered instructional in nature and scope. The development of physical skills, mental disciplines, sportsmanship and the enjoyment of all participants shall be the primary goal of the Instructional League of this organization.

Game Philosophy

All Instructional League divisions of LYSA shall conduct their activities with a proper regard for the "spirit of the game" as interpreted by FIFA, and administered by league officials. The scope of such violations of the "spirit of the game" shall include but not limited to:

On Field:

- any attempt to injure another player
- any attempt to gain a psychological advantage other than by physical soccer skills
- any attempt to communicate to other players in an unsportsmanlike manner
- any attempt to neutralize a competitive advantage by deliberate foul

Off Field:

- any encouragement of instruction to players to violate the on field "spirit of the game".
- harassing or abuse of referee by any coach or supporter of any team.
- verbal abuse directed towards coaches, supporters or players of either team.
- failure to observe proper sideline etiquette and/or gracious behavior on sideline toward opposing side
- Failure to distribute playing time or positioning among team members such that instruction or game experience is limited or restricted
- Un-sportsmanlike behavior at exchange of postgame mutual congratulations.

Violations of the "spirit of the game" criteria can result in suspension or other disciplinary action by the LYSA as warranted.

Team Assignments

In all aspects of assignment of players to a particular team within a specific division, Instructional Coordinators primary focus of purpose shall be, to the best of their ability, to establish teams of equal skills, ability and experience. In cases where the Instructional Coordinators do not know the skills of players, they shall randomly assign players to the different teams.

LAW I – The Playing Field

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

LAW II – Ball Size

- A. Size 4 ball is used.

LAW III – Number Of Players on the field during a game

- A. Maximum – 4
- B. Minimum – 3
- C. Goalkeepers are not allowed in this division.
- D. Substitutions will be made at game stoppages. Coaches will strive to ensure players get equal playing time but ensure at least 50% of each game will be played..

LAW V – The Referee

- A. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
- B. Coaches found to be harassing, yelling at, or trying to critique the referee during games may be asked to step away from their role as coach - decision to be made by Instructional Coordinators..

LAW VII – Duration Of The Game

- A. There will be four, ten-minute quarters.
- B. There will be a three-minute break 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 VIII – Start and Restart of Game

Kick Off – defending team must back 10 feet from center spot prior to kick.

LAW IX – Offside

- A. No offside violations will be called.

LAW XII – 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 10 yards from the goal. The defending team may build a wall seven 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 will be a direct kick for the offended team.
- C. 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 XIV – Penalty Kicks

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

LAW XV – 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 XVI – Goal Kicks

- A. Goal kicks are taken 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 XVII – Corner Kicks

- A. Corner kicks will be taken.