

RULES AND REGULATIONS: 9v9 DIVISIONS

LAW I: THE FIELD.

Field Dimensions: Approximately 70-80 yards long X 45-55 yards wide.

Markings: Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.

A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.

A center circle with a eight (8) yard radius.

Four (4) corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.

Goal area: Twelve (12) yards wide and five (5) yards into the field of play joined by a line parallel with the goal line.

Penalty area: thirty Six (36) yards wide and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line parallel with the goal line.

Goals: 6.5 Feet high x 18.5 feet wide

LAW II: THE BALL.

Size four (4) or Size (5) Dependent on age group. See USSF rules

LAW III: NUMBER OF PLAYERS.

Maximum number of players on field = nine (9) per side, one (1) of whom may be a goalkeeper.

League shall determine the number of players on the roster for each season; not exceed sixteen (16).

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

LAW IV: PLAYER EQUIPMENT.

Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

Shin guards are MANDATORY!

LAW V: REFEREE.

Assigned referee.

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.

LAW VI: LINESMAN.

Registered Linesmen.(when able)

LAW VII: DURATION OF GAME:

The game shall be divided into four (4) equal quarters of fifteen (15) minutes each.

There shall be two (2) minutes between quarters and a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

LAW VIII: THE START OF PLAY.

Opponents must be ten (10) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

LAW IX: BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY.

Ball must completely cross the touch or end line to be considered out of bounds.

LAW X: METHOD OF SCORING.

Scores shall be kept by the referee but not published.

LAW XI: OFF-SIDE.

Off-sides shall be called.

LAW XII: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT.

All fouls will conform to FIFA rules.

LAW XIII: FREE KICKS.

Opponents must be ten (10) yards away before the kick is allowed.

LAW XIV: PENALTY KICKS.

Penalty kicks shall conform to FIFA rules from ten (10) yards from the goal line.

LAW XV: THROW-IN.

Throw-ins shall conform to FIFA rules.

LAW XVI: GOAL KICK.

Goal kicks shall conform to FIFA rules.

LAW XVII: CORNER KICK.

Opponents must be ten (10) yards away from the ball.

RSL-AZ ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Players should play equal amounts of time. No player should ever play less than 50%

Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each game.

ESL-AZ will not record league standings.

RSL-AZ will not record final scores.

Participation trophies will be awarded to ALL players

No one shall sit or stand within twenty (20) yards of the goal line or behind/along the goal lines.

Parents should not coach or instruct players during the game.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking materials shall be consumed or allowed near the playing area.

No foul language or gestures at practices or games.

No derogatory comments to players, referees, coaches or parents at practices or games.

Suspend or cancel games or practice when lightning is near.

“Run-away Game” policy will be implemented when necessary.

No dogs at games or practices

No names are allowed on uniforms or names with numbers on banners.

Sweat pants of the same color as the shorts may be worn on cold days.

No jewelry i.e. earrings, bracelets, necklaces, Medical Alert’s must be taped