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Awards: Standings will not be maintained, and no trophies or awards will be given except for participation and / or sportsmanship.

Coaches on Field: Coaches may not be on the field of play during conduct of the game. Early in the season at a stoppage in play when lining up players for free kicks, kick-ins, or kick off, coaches may briefly enter the field of play to align players.

Spectators: Coaches and parents are prohibited from the area behind the goal line. Parents are required to remain in the spectator area (the opposite side of the field from the players) during the game. Coaches should help enforce this and are responsible for the sportsmanship of the team's parents. No one should ever yell disparaging remarks at the opposing team or referees at anytime. Anyone in the team area must display a KidSafe Card.

Law 1 – The Field of Play: 20 yds by 25 yds □ Center Circle: 3 yd radius □ The Goal Area: None □ The Penalty Area: None □ The Corner Arc: None □ Goals: 6' by 4' □ Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement. □ Crease Rule: An arch of 4 feet radius outside the goal will be marked on the fields and will represent the area where a player may not be motionless. Any player inside this area must be actively engaged with the ball. Penalty: An end line kick-in by the other team.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size three (3).

Law 3 – The Number of Players: 4v4. There are NO goalkeepers. Teams may be coed. Substitutions are allowed at any stoppage and are unlimited. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. Teams and games may be coed. Forfeits for too few players: Provided that at least three (3) players from each team are present at game time, there shall be no forfeit. Coaches shall accommodate the situation to insure that all players get as much playing time as possible. If either team has fewer than three (3) players present, the game shall be abandoned, but no winner shall be declared nor forfeit awarded.

Law 4 – Uniform: Jersey, shorts, long socks covering the shin guards, soccer cleats. (No toe cleats allowed on shoes.) Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but jerseys must be worn on the outside to distinguish teams.

Law 5 – The Referee: An OFFICIAL (League Referee, League Official, Parent, Coach, or Grade 9 referee) may be used. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees: None.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match: The match shall be divided into four (4) eight (8) minute quarters. There shall be a 5 minute break between each quarter.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play: To begin the game or quarter, the ball must be kick along the midfield line or forward of the line for the kick to be valid. Violation results in a re-kick. All opposing players must be in their half of the field and outside the center circle, until the ball is put into play. Violation results in an indirect free kick from the point of the infraction. In the case of a free kick, opponents must remain at least three (3) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play: Ball is out of play when it wholly passes outside the line boundary of the field, after a goal is scored, after a foul has been committed, and at the end of a quarter. For free kicks including Pass-ins, the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring: Ball must be wholly over the goal line, within the uprights of the goal, and under the crossbar.

Law 11 – Offside: None

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in an indirect free kick (2018 STYSA General Rules of Play). The referee/coach/parent must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct. There is no slide tackling allowed in this age group.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that all free kicks are indirect and opponents are at least three (3) yards from the ball until it is in play. Indirect free kick (ball must touch another player before entering the goal): All other fouls will be penalized with an indirect free kick. The referee will signal an indirect free kick by raising one arm and holding it vertically. (Remember: A stoppage of play is not required on free kicks; the ball may be kicked as soon as it is placed on the spot).

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick: None

Law 15 – The Pass-In (Used instead of a Throw-in): A pass-in is considered as an indirect free kick with the opponents three (3) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: The goal kick should be taken within 2-3 yards of the goal line anywhere across the width of the field of play at the nearest point from where the ball was retrieved. Opposing players must be in their own half of the field until the ball is in play.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least three (3) yards from the ball until it is in play.