

Mountain View Recreation Center Under 6 (4-5) Soccer Playing Rules

Law 1 - The Field of Play: Dimensions of the field will be 40 yards long by 25 yards wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of five (5) yards is marked around it. A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line three (3) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of three (3) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area. There will be no penalty area. Goals will be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corners and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The goal will be no larger than eighteen (18) feet between the posts and six (6) feet from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size three (3)

Law 3 – The Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each team consisting of four (4) players. A goalkeeper will not be used.

Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited.

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

Law 4 – The Players' Equipment: Conform to FIFA. Shin guards are mandatory.

Law 5 – The Referee: An OFFICIAL will 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 will consist of four (4) equal, eight (8) minute quarters. There will be a two (2) minute break between quarters and there will be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA. An official score will not be kept.

Law 11 – Offside: None.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick. The referee/coach must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all kicks are direct and all opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick: None.

Law 15 – The Throw-In: No throw-ins for the Under 6 age group. Play will be restarted from the touch line with a kick-in instead of a throw-in.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents must remain on the opposite half of the halfway line until the ball is put into play. The goal kick may be taken by any player since there is no goal keeper.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play