

## Pottsgrove Soccer Club Modified Laws of the Game for U8 (Fall 2016)

**Law 1 - The Field of Play: Dimensions:** The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line. Length: 30 yards Width: 25 yards

**Field Markings:** Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches 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 four (4) yards is marked around it.

**The Goal Area:** 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 each goalpost. 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.

- The Penalty Area: N/A
- Flag posts: N/A
- The Corner Arc: Conforms to FIFA

**Goals:** Goals must 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 recommended distance between the posts is eighteen (12) feet and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet. Goals may be smaller in dimension.

**Law 2 - The Ball:** must be a size three (3). The smaller ball is lighter and more easily kicked, received, dribbled and passed.

**Law 3 - The Number of Players:** A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than five (5) players, including a goalkeeper. Teams and matches may be coed. Team size can be modified based on number of players present if both coaches and referee agree prior to the match. (*See additional rules below for exceptions*)

**Substitutions:** Substitutions may be made at the following times:

- (1) Prior to a throw, by either team.
- (2) Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
- (3) After a goal, by either team.
- (4) After an injury, by either team.
- (5) At half time.

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

**Law 4 - The Players' Equipment:** Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. Players must wear shin guards to play.

**Law 5 - The Referee:** per FIFA. An OFFICIAL (Game Manager or Coordinator or Parent or Coach or Grade 9 referee) may be used. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

**Law 6 - The Assistant Referees:** Not required.

**Law 7 - The Duration of the Match** The match shall be divided into Three (3) equal, fifteen (15) minute quarters. There shall be a break of five (5) minutes between quarters. A running clock will be used to keep time.

**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.

## Pottsgrove Soccer Club Modified Laws of the Game for U8 (Fall 2016) cont'd

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

**Law 10** - The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 11** - Offside: only blatant offside called during these games.

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

**Law 13** - Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exceptions 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: No penalty kicks will be awarded

**Law 15** - The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA with the exception of allowing a second chance on illegal throw-ins.

**Law 16** - The Goal Kick: The goal kick should be taken anywhere within the goal area. Opposing players must be outside the goal area AND at least four (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play. It is suggested that if necessary that opponents are 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 four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

### **Additional Rules**

**NEW: Goalies are not permitted to punt the ball. They must roll, throw or kick the ball from the ground**

**NEW: No Intentional Heading is permitted. If intentional heading occurs it would be an indirect free kick from spot of the foul.**

**Fair Play Rule:** In the event a team gains a (4) goal lead over an opponent, the other team can add an additional player to the field until goal advantage is reduced to 2 goals. If a team would increase their lead to (6) goals (already playing a man down) an additional player can be added to the field until the goal advantage is reduced to 4 goals. If enough substitutions are not available to increase the team with a goal deficit by 2 players the team with goal advantage should remove one player until the goal differential is reduced.

Coaches should always exhibit fair play by not running up the score in intramural games. The focus should always be on player skills development and developing players who show good sportsmanship and fair play on the pitch.

## Pottsgrove Soccer Club Modified Laws of the Game for U10 (Fall 2016)

### **Law 1 – The Field of Play:**

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line. Length: minimum 45 yards maximum 60 yards, Width: minimum 35 yards maximum 45 yards

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches 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 eight (8) yards is marked around it.

The Goal Area: A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line five (5) yards from the inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of five (5) 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.

The Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, ten (10) yards from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of ten (10) 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 penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made eight (8) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of eight (8) yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.

Flag posts: Conform to FIFA.

The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corner flag posts and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar.

The maximum distance between the posts is eighteen (18) feet and the maximum distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet.

Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.

**Law 2 – The Ball:** Size four (4).

**Law 3 – The Number of Players:** A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than seven players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than six players. Team size can be modified based on number of players present if both coaches and referee agree prior to the match. *(See additional rules below for exceptions)*

Substitutions: At any stoppage 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. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

**Law 5 – The Referee:** Registered referee, especially Grade 9 or parent/coach or assistant coach. All rule infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

**Law 6 – The Assistant Referees:** Not required. May use club linesmen/women if desired.

**Law 7 – The Duration of the Match:** Conform to FIFA with the exception of the match being divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each. There shall 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 eight (8) 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.

**Law 11 – Offside:** Only blatant off sides should be called during these games

## Pottsgrove Soccer Club Modified Laws of the Game for U10 (Fall 2016) cont'd

**Law 12** – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponents penalty area.

**Law 13** – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.

**Law 14** – The Penalty Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that the penalty mark is made eight (8) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.

**Law 15** – The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 16** – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 17** – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

### Additional Rules

**NEW: Goalies are not permitted to punt the ball. They must roll, throw or kick the ball from the ground**

**NEW: No Intentional Heading is permitted. If intentional heading occurs it would be an indirect free kick from spot of the foul.**

**Fair Play Rule:** In the event a team gains a (4) goal lead over an opponent, the other team can add an additional player to the field until goal advantage is reduced to 2 goals. If a team would increase their lead to (6) goals (already playing a man down) an additional player can be added to the field until the goal advantage is reduced to 4 goals. If enough substitutions are not available to increase the team with a goal deficit by 2 players the team with goal advantage should remove one player until the goal differential is reduced.

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### US Youth Soccer Under 8/10 Recommendations

Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each match.

Players should sit together on the sideline and watch the game while not on the field playing.

Parent/coaches, non-participating players and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the youngsters.

**Spectator and team benches should be on opposite sides of the field when possible.**

No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.

## Pottsgrove Soccer Club Modified Laws of the Game for U13 (Fall 2016)

### **Law 1 – The Field of Play:**

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line. Length: minimum 45 yards maximum 60 yards, Width: minimum 35 yards maximum 45 yards

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches 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 eight (8) yards is marked around it.

The Goal Area: A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line five (5) yards from the inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of five (5) 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.

The Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, ten (10) yards from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of ten (10) 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 penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made eight (8) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of eight (8) yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.

Flag posts: Conform to FIFA.

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Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corner flag posts and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar.

The maximum distance between the posts is eighteen (18) feet and the maximum distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet.

Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.

**Law 2 – The Ball:** Size five (5).

**Law 3 – The Number of Players:** A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than seven players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than six players. Team size can be modified based on number of players present if both coaches and referee agree prior to the match. *(See additional rules below for exceptions)*

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**Law 10 – The Method of Scoring:** Conform to FIFA.

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**Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponent's penalty area.

**Law 13 – Free Kicks:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that all opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.

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