



This is a list of rules used for Danvers Youth Soccer U10 Intown matches that are different from or in addition to the FIFA Laws of the Game. These shall be applied whenever officiating a DYS U10 match.

Law 1- The Field of Play- Fields will be marked and measured to DYS specifications. Referees will check the field for SAFETY issues and correct placement of goals before each match. TEAMS must stay on their own half of the sideline, and spectators must be on the sideline opposite the teams. No one, teams or spectators, shall be allowed along the goal line or behind the goals. U10 goals are 6x12.

Law 2- The Ball- U10 will use a size 4 ball.

Law 3- Number of Players- U10 plays 6v6 including the goalkeeper. *With referee's permission*, substitutions may be made on own throw in, or any throw in if both teams are substituting; on any goal kick; after a goal. Subs should be ready to enter at midfield pending referee's signal. The referee should allow substitutions for injuries and other situations when a player wants/needs to leave the field.

Law 4- Player Equipment- All players must wear shinguards and may not wear jewelry. No exceptions other than for medical alert or religious items which must be taped to the body. NO HARD HAIR CLIPS, CASTS, WATCHES, BRACELETS OR EARRINGS. Footwear must be safe, NO TOE CLEATS, tied securely and have no sharp or rough edges. Players will be allowed to play if they have the correct color uniform shirt even if not an official uniform jersey. Team shorts and socks should match but should never be a reason for a child not to play. Goalkeepers must wear a pinnie or different color jersey. In cold weather, players may wear jackets or sweatshirts UNDER the jersey, and sweatpants OVER the shorts. Soft caps may be worn.

Law 5- The Referee- see the "DYS Advice to Referees" document

Law 6- Assistant Referee- will not be used for U7 or U8 matches.

Law 7- Duration of the Match- U10 will play 2- 25 minute halves with a 5 minute break at half time.

Law 8- Start and Restart of Play- The Referee will conduct a coin flip between team captains prior to each match. The team designated as "Away" will call heads/tails. The team that wins the coin toss will choose which end they will defend for the first half, the other team will start with the ball. End of field and kick-off will switch for the 2nd half. Retakes of kick-offs for "double touches" are allowed. See Law 15, 16 and 17 for more special restart rules. ALL restarts will be at the signal of the referee whether by whistle, hand signal or voice.

Laws 9 and 10- In and Out of Bounds, and Method of Scoring- Per FIFA Law.

Law 11- Offside- Offside will be called inside the attacking 14 yard box only. Restart per FIFA is an INDIRECT FREE KICK from the point of infraction.



Law 12- Fouls and Misconduct- Referees will not use yellow or Red Cards for misconduct or serious foul play. Players should be verbally warned of inappropriate behavior and the coach should be advised to remove a player to “cool off” if their play and behavior compromises the safety of other players or themselves.

Law 13- Free Kicks- U10- Direct and Indirect free kicks are per FIFA law.

Law 14- The Penalty Kick- There no PK’s awarded in DYS matches. Direct free kick fouls committed inside the 14 yard box by a defender result in a Direct Free Kick from the 14 yard line by the attacking team. The defending team does not have to leave the area, and may defend the kick after giving the required distance (8 yards).

Law 15- The Throw-In- U10 Illegal throw-ins must be called by the referee and the reason for it being illegal explained. Players are allowed one chance to retake the throw-in. If the retake is also illegal, the other team is awarded a throw-in at the same spot.

Law 16- The Goal Kick- Defending players must be in their defensive half until the ball is struck. Goal kicks must be taken from the goal area. On any goal kick, or a punt or throw by the keeper, the ball must touch the ground or another player before crossing the midfield line or the other team takes an indirect free kick from the midfield line.

Law 17- The Corner Kick- Follow standard FIFA Law.

Law 18- COMMON SENSE- This isn’t in the FIFA Laws, but all officials need to use their best judgment to keep DYS matches **SAFE- FAIR- FUN**. The players are young children who are still learning the game and part of your responsibility is to help them learn. Use your whistle and hand signals, and use your voice to explain, direct and instruct. Be patient, and have fun!