



MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION



MODIFICATIONS TO COMPLY WITH EEA GUIDANCE

Mass Youth Soccer is hereby immediately implementing modifications for all sanctioned soccer games (scrimmages, friendlies, league). Suspended activities to meet necessary modification include:

- **Heading** - All intentional heading of a soccer ball is suspended for all ages. Any intentional heading will be treated as a violation of IFAB Law 12, Playing in a Dangerous Manner, Indirect Free Kick restart
- **Shoulder to Shoulder contact** is suspended and or any other intentional physical contact is to be considered a violation of Law 12, Playing in a Dangerous Manner, Indirect Free Kick restart or other applicable foul or misconduct based on the referee's decision.
- **Slide Tackling** whenever within 6 feet of another player is suspended and is to be considered a violation of Law 12, Playing in a Dangerous Manner, Indirect Free Kick restart or other applicable foul or misconduct based on the referee's decision.
- **Throw-Ins** as defined by IFAB Law 15 are suspended and to be replaced by a Kick-in. The modifications for the procedure for a Kick-in is:
 - The player taking the Kick-in must be facing the field of play and need not keep both feet on the ground during the Kick-in.
 - Must put part of the ball on the touchline or on the ground outside the touchline
 - The ball may not be kicked directly into the opponent's penalty area.
 - All opponents must stand at least 10 yards (8 yards for small sided) from the point on the touchline where the Kick-in is to be taken.
 - IFAB Law 15 Offences and Sanctions for Throw-ins apply to Kick-ins.
- **Corner Kicks** as defined by IFAB Law 17 are suspended and to be replaced by a Corner Kick-in. The modifications for the procedure for a Corner Kick-in are:
 - The ball may not be kicked directly into the opponent's penalty area.
 - Opponents must remain at least 10 yds (8 yards for small sided) from the corner arc until the ball is in play
 - IFAB Law 17 Offences and Sanctions for Corner Kicks apply to Corner Kick-ins.
- For all restarts, all players must comply with the 6 -foot distancing from both teammates and opponents. Opponents must remain at 10 yds (8 yards for small sided) from the ball prior to the kick. The use of a traditional defensive Wall is currently suspended.
- The use of a Dropped Ball as a restart is suspended. To replace this procedure, an Indirect Free Kick will be awarded to the team whom the referee deemed to be in possession when the referee stops play.