

MYSC Recreational Teams Policy

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Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to set forth the guidelines of the recreational programs offered by MYSC. This shall include the Laws of the Game by age groups that are to be followed. Since each age grouping has some special rules or laws that govern play, this document is broken down by age groups using the format of the Laws of the Game.

Definitions:

Recreational Teams: All teams not included in the travel team policy consisting of but not limited to U6 (M4 & M5), U8, U11, and Advanced Recreation teams.

Laws of the Game: A document published by FIFA describing how the game of football (aka soccer) is to be played. (See data for link to web site under “Useful Information”.)

Lines on the Field: Lines are part of the field. The ball has to be completely over the line to be out of bounds.

Soccer Fields: In general, a ratio of 2:3 for overall width vs. length should be maintained.

Clock: The clock is a running time clock. It is up to the referee’s discretion whether time should be added (for example due to injury).

Playing Time: – Mandatory

Each child will always play a minimum of 50% of every game in MYSC Recreational Soccer. The only two exceptions are (1) if the child sustains an injury preventing the child from playing or (2) has a medical condition that prevents the child from playing. Coaches should try to adhere to the above as much as possible.

U6: (M4 & M5)

Law 1: The Field of Play

The coaches will set up the fields with cones at the corners and goals.

Law 2: The Ball –

Size 3

Law 3: The Number of Players –

3v3 or 4v4 will be played in this age group. The decision will be based on the number of children and the number of teams for the current year. There is NO GOALKEEPERS in this age group. Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited.

Law 4: Players’ Equipment

Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Law 5: The Referee –

A referee is not needed for this age group. Instead a parent or a coach should supervise the game. All rule infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player. It is strongly suggested that a whistle be used to stop play so the children become accustomed to its use.

Law 6: The Assistant Referees –

None are needed.

Law 7: The Duration of the Match

Four (4) ten (10) minute quarters with teams changing sides at half 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.

Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play –

Pass – In: When the ball goes out of bounds via a touch line the ball is placed at the point it went out on the ground. The team that didn't last touch the ball takes the kick returning the ball into play.

Law 10: The Method of Scoring –

Conform to FIFA.

Law 11: Offside –

There shall be no offside called during these games.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct –

No caution or send off shall be issued to players. If a child is being too rambunctious, the game official will ask the coach to make a substitution of that player to give the child a chance to calm down before returning to play.

Law 13: Free Kicks –

All free kicks shall be indirect. This should keep the game flowing and keep the attention of the kids. It is suggested that all opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick –

For this age group, there will not be any penalty kicks called.

Law 15: The Throw-in –

See Law 9

Law 16: The Goal Kick –

The kick should be allowed to be taken from anywhere along the goal line over which the ball traveled. This is so the ball can be put back into play quickly. The ball should be placed two or three yards into the field of play to make it easier for the child taking the goal kick to get the ball well into the field of play once it is kicked. The defending players must stand at least four yards away from the ball until it is in play.

Law 17: The Corner Kick –

Per FIFA. The defending players must stand at least four yards away from the ball until it is in play.

Special Rules:

Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each match.

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

No slide tackles to be allowed in this age group.

U8:

Law 1: The Field of Play

The field will be established by the Executive Board and Park and Recreation department of the town of Montville.

Law 2: The Ball –

Size 3

Law 3: The Number of Players –

7v7 with goalkeepers (6v6 on the field plus a goalkeeper). Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited.

Law 4: Players' Equipment

Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Law 5: The Referee –

A Certified Grade 8 referee will be used in all games. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6: The Assistant Referees –

None

Law 7: The Duration of the Match

Four (4) twelve (12) minute quarters with teams changing sides at half 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 six (6) 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 –

There shall be no offside called during these games.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct –

Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a indirect free kick. The referee 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 indirect and all opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick –

For this age group there will not be any penalty kicks called.

Law 15: The Throw-in –

Conform to FIFA with one do over allowed.

Law 16: The Goal Kick –

Conform to FIFA

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.

Special Rules:

Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each match.

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.

No slide tackles to be allowed in this age group.

U11:

Law 1: The Field of Play

The field will be established by the Executive Board and Park and Recreation department of the town of Montville.

Law 2: The Ball –

Size 4

Law 3: The Number of Players –

8v8 with goalkeepers (7v7 on the field plus a goalkeeper). The match may not start if either team has fewer than 6 players. Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited.

Law 4: Players' Equipment

Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Law 5: The Referee –

Certified Grade 8 referee

Law 6: The Assistant Referees –

None

Law 7: The Duration of the Match –

The match will be Per FIFA with the exception of the two (2) halves being twenty five (25) minutes each. There shall be a half-time interval of three (3) minutes.

Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play –

Conform to FIFA with the exception that 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 –

There shall be no offside called during these games. The coaches should teach their players the offsides rule even though it will not be enforced in this age group.

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 opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick –

Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that the penalty mark is eight yards from the center of the goal line and that players other than the kicker and defending goalkeeper are at least eight yards from the penalty mark. The distance of eight yards conforms to the radius of the center circle. The distance of eight yards from the center of the goalmouth for the penalty mark fits within the reduced dimensions of the penalty area and is a reasonable distance for the kick.

Law 15: The Throw-in –

Conform to FIFA. Only One Do Over Allowed!

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 away from the ball until it is in play.

Special Rules:

Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each match.

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.

No slide tackles to be allowed in this age group.

Advanced Recreation:

Law 1: The Field of Play -

The field will be established by the Executive Board and Park and Recreation department of the town of Montville.

Law 2: The Ball -

Size 5

Law 3: The Number of Players -

Conform to FIFA unless number of players in division requires 8v8 competition. Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited.

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 -

Certified Grade 8 Referee

Law 6: The Assistant Referees -

2 Certified Grade 8 Referees

Law 7: The Duration of the Match -

Conform to FIFA with the exception of two (2) thirty five minute halves

Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play -

Conform to FIFA.

Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play -

Conform to FIFA.

Law 10: The Method of Scoring -

Conform to FIFA.

Law 11: Offside -

Conform to FIFA.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct -

Conform to FIFA.

Law 13: Free Kicks -

Conform to FIFA.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick -

Conform to FIFA.

Law 15: The Throw-in –
Conform to FIFA.

Law 16: The Goal Kick –
Conform to FIFA.

Law 17: The Corner Kick –
Conform to FIFA.

Special Rules:

Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each match.

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.

Useful Information:

Laws of the Game Info:

See the links section on the MYSC web site for the FIFA link- then Tech Support – Laws of the Game, Interpretations, and Notes on the Laws of the Game

See the links section on the MYSC web site for the USSF link then Referees – Laws of the Game

See the links section on the MYSC web site for the USYSO link then coaches – rules small games

See the links section of the MYSC web site for the CT Referee Net link for up to date Memorandums and Position Papers Sections

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