

# Kiel Soccer Club

U8 – U10 Youth Rules



## U8 Rules

### **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 50 yards to a maximum of 70 yards

Width: minimum 40 yards to a maximum of 50 yards

*\*(Both Kiel and New Holstein made the fields a bit smaller than the minimum listed above.)*

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 six (6) 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 six (6) yards from the inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of six (6) 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: none.

Flag posts: Optional.

The Corner Arc: Two foot radius.

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 (18) 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:** Size three (3).

**Law 3 – The Number of Players:** A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than six players.

USYSA recommends that should a goal keeper be used, that this position not be the responsibility of just one player, but all team members take turns playing this position.

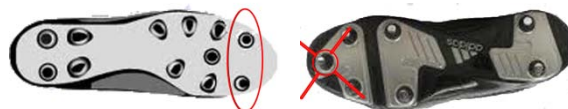
Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited.

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. Teams and matches may be coed.

**Law 4 – The Players' Equipment:** Conform to FIFA.

Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft cleated soccer shoes

Shin guards: Mandatory



Must have two offset cleats on front of shoe

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

**Law 5 – The Referee:** An OFFICIAL (Game Manager or Coordinator or Parent or Coach or certified level 9 or higher referee) may be used. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player. *\*(Both Kiel and New Holstein will be using two referees per field.)*

**Law 6 – The Assistant Referees:** None.

**Law 7 – The Duration of the Match:** The match shall be divided into four (4) equal, twelve (12) minute quarters. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

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**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 (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: None.

**Law 12** – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick with the opponent at least six (6) yards away. 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: Shall be classified under one heading – Indirect. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending teams goal box. All kicks are direct and all opponents are at least six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play.

**Law 14** – The Penalty Kick: None.

**Law 15** – The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA with the exception that an improperly performed throw-in can be retaken once. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

**Law 16** – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception: Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area and those opponents must remain outside the goal area and at least six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play.

**Law 17** – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play.

## U10 Rules

### **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: Conform to FIFA.

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, fourteen (14) yards from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of fourteen (14) 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 ten (10) 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.

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**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 six players, one of whom is the goalkeeper.

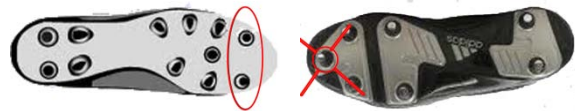
**Substitutions:** At any stoppage and unlimited.

**Playing time:** Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. Teams and matches may be coed.

**Law 4 – The Players' Equipment:** Conform to FIFA.

**Footwear:** Tennis shoes or soft cleated soccer shoes

**Shin guards:** Mandatory



Must have two offset cleats on front of shoe

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

**Law 5 – The Referee:** Registered referee, especially certified level 9 or higher, or parent/coach or assistant coach. All rule infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player. *\*(Both Kiel and New Holstein will be using two referees per field.)*

**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:** None.

**Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA.

**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.

**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.