

Playing Rules for OCYSA Under 10 House Recreational Leagues

OCYSA U10 house recreational league games are played in accordance with USYSA guidelines with exceptions as stated below.

Law I: The Field

- Refer to "OCYSA Game Field Dimensions & Markings"
- Coaches, assistant coaches and non-playing players must remain within the technical areas located a minimum of 3 yards away from the touchline and 10 yards on either side of the halfway line.
- Spectators must remain along the touchline opposite the teams, at a minimum distance of 3 yards away from the touchline. No one shall be permitted directly behind the goal, or within 4 yards of the goal line.
- No dangerous objects shall be permitted within 3 yards of the boundary lines of the field.

Law II: The Ball

- Size four (4)

Law III: Number of Players

- Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is 6, including the goalkeeper.
- The maximum number of players on the roster is 12. Recommended roster size is 10.
- **Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.**
- Unlimited substitutions: Prior to throw-in, in your favor (If the team with the throw-in substitutes, both teams may substitute without limit); Prior to a goal kick, by either team; After a goal, by either team; After an injury, by either team, when referee stops play; At half-time; After a caution, by either team.
- Mercy Rule: During a game, if the score differential becomes five (5) goals, the team that is behind may play with an additional player on the field (7 players total including one goalkeeper). Once the goal differential becomes less than 5, the team must remove the additional player.

Law IV: Players Equipment

- **Shin guards are mandatory for all players during all games and all practices.**
- Players may not wear any item of equipment or jewelry that may be dangerous to themselves or others, as determined by the Referee.
- All players on a team must wear the same color jersey or t-shirt during games, with the exception of the goalkeeper.
- Numbers are NOT required on jerseys.
- Players must play and practice in tennis shoes or soft-cleat soccer shoes (recommended).

Law V & Law VI: The Referee & Assistant Referees

- Certified Referee and Club Linesmen (parents or coaches).

Law VII: Duration of the Game

- 2-25 minute halves. 5 minute break at halftime.

Law VIII: The Start of Play

- Conform with FIFA. Exception: Opponent must be 8 yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

Law IX: Ball In and Out of Play

- Conform with FIFA: Ball must completely cross over goal line to be out of play.

Law X: Method of Scoring

- Conform with FIFA: Ball must completely cross over goal line and between posts and beneath crossbar to count.

Law XI: Off Sides

- There is no off side.

Law XII: Fouls and Misconduct

- Conform with FIFA. Exception: Opponents must be 8 yards away from the ball. The referee must explain ALL infractions to offending player.

Law XIII: Free Kicks

- Conform with FIFA. Exception: Opponents must be 8 yards away from the ball.

Law XIV: Penalty Kicks

- Conform with FIFA. Exception: Penalty mark is 10 yards from center of goal. Players (other than kicker and GK) must remain 8 yards away from penalty mark during kick.

Law XV: Throw-in

- Conform with FIFA: Awarded when ball completely crosses sideline.

Law XVI: Goal Kick

- Conform with FIFA. Goal kick may be taken any where within the goal box.

Law XVII: Corner Kick

- Conform with FIFA. Exception: Opponents must be 8 yards away from the ball.

Sportsmanship

- After appropriate warning and refusal to comply with this warning, the Referee has the right to direct the coach and/or assistant coach to leave the area of play, should they, in the opinion of the Referee, be affecting the game.
- Un-sportsman like conduct, harassment, or any other act directed toward the Referee will be considered as affecting the game. If both coach and assistant coach are asked to leave the field of play after appropriate warning, the game will become a forfeit to the opposing team unless the Referee determines a responsible adult can assume coaching responsibilities.
- Should the spectators become unruly, the game will be stopped, opposing coaches and referees will consult and spectators will be asked to maintain order. If, in the opinion of the referee, order is not restored, the game will be terminated.
- A player or coach ejected from a game for any reason shall be suspended for one (1) additional game. The OCYSA Board of Directors may take further disciplinary action.
- The official referee shall be the sole judge on the field of play, and the referee's decision shall be final. No protest based on a referee's judgement decision shall be allowed. A complaint about an official referee shall be directed in writing to the Referee Commissioner not prior to 24 hours after the conclusion of the game. No verbal complaints will be accepted.

Other Guidelines

- Coaches, Players and Parents must be familiar with and abide by the "Code of Conduct" for all team activities.
- Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
- No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near practice or game field playing areas.
- No pets are allowed at the OCYSA game complex.