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Mini Soccer Laws of the Game 2017

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LAWS OF THE GAME

1. Law 1 - Must Know:

- The field of play must be rectangular in shape.
- The field must be safe.
- The field must be checked for holes, glass, protruding rocks.
- Goals must be fastened down.
- Be aware of weather concerns.
- The field markings are part of the field and part of the area that they encompass.

2. Law 2 - Must Know:

- The ball must be made of a material that is safe.
- The ball must be spherical in shape.
- The size of the ball is number 4.

3. Law 3 - Must Know:

- Read the Law allowing knowledge of number of players seven and not less than five.
- The keeper should be distinguished from other players and the referee. In mini soccer this may not always be possible but do the best we can as officials.

4. Law 4 - Must Know:

- The equipment of all players must be safe.
- No jewellery of any kind.
- List the equipment that players are allowed using the five s's
 - a - shirt
 - b - shorts
 - c - socks
 - d - shin guards
 - e - shoes

This is the easy way of letting them know what equipment is allowed and that keepers are allowed long pants and may wear a hat that is not dangerous to others.

5. Law 5 - The Referee

The dress code of the referee is very important. A well-dressed referee will earn the respect of players, coaches and parents {first impression is very important.

A - Duties of the referee

- Make sure the field is safe.
- Makes sure the ball is safe.
- Make sure the equipment is safe and not dangerous.
- Check the number of players on each team at start.
- Keep track of score and record (this is for practice as there are no game sheets for mini soccer).

B - Powers of the referee

- Start and stop game.
- Manage the game through use of the whistle and deal with fouls as required.
- Abandon the game if necessary because of weather or abuse by players, coaches or parents.
- Deal with misconduct; we do not issue cards in mini soccer but there still will be misconduct so keep track of cautionable offences and if dismissal is called for player is to leave the field, but he can be replaced and the team does not play short one player.
- In dealing with players, coaches, and parents who become dangerous to your safety you have the power to remove them from the field. If they refuse to leave then you abandon the game after you have given them a time of up to 3 minutes to leave. If they have not gone in that 3 minute period then you abandon the game no matter if they say they will leave then, it is too late. Write the reason for your abandoning the game and report to your assignor. If there is lightning and thunder then you would also have to abandon the game - apply the 30/30 rule.

6. Law 6 - Does not apply

7. Law 7 - Duration of the Match

- Read the law - make sure halves are equal and make sure there is a half time.

8. Law 8 - The Starts and Restarts of Play

- Read over law explaining the different restarts in the game soccer; kick off each half, after a goal is scored, fouls , goal kicks, corner kicks, drop ball and extra time if needed as well as penalty kicks and throw in. These are all methods of start or restarts.

9. Law 9 - Ball In and Out of Play

- The ball is in play at all times except when it crosses over the goal line or the touch line wholly whether on the ground or in the air.
- The only other time it is out of play is when the referee stops play.

10.Law 10 - Method of Scoring

- A goal is scored when the whole of the ball crosses over the goal line between the goalposts and under the cross bar having been played by a player and that player or team has not committed a foul in the process.

11.Law 11 - Offside

– does not apply

12. Law 12 - Fouls and Misconducts

- Read Law 12 - all fouls in mini soccer except for the first group of 10 that happens in the penalty area will be indirect.
- If any of the first 10 fouls happen in the penalty area it will result in a penalty shot. Anywhere on the field will be indirect.
- We do not show cards in mini soccer but the players must be responsible for their actions and can be asked to leave the field but can be replace by another player.

Spend as much time as needed on this law it is the most important and needed information for the referee.

13.Law 13 - Free Kicks

- Let students know that there are two free kicks = direct and indirect. They will be only using the indirect free kick in mini soccer unless one of the first 10 fouls shown in the Law book happen within or on the lines that encompass the penalty area, the kick will then become a penalty shot.
- An indirect kick is one that you cannot score from directly. The ball must be touched or played by another player before a goal can be scored.
- Read the Law. Go over the infringements.

14.Law 14 - Penalty Kicks

- Read the Law.
- Show where players can be during the penalty kick.
- What the referee is looking for.
- The procedures for taking the penalty kick.
- Also explain what happens if an infringement happens by a defending player, an attacking player or a player from both teams.

15.Law 15 - Throw In

- Read the Law.
- Show how to do a proper throw in making sure ball goes from behind head and thrown in the direction player is facing keeping both feet on the ground either outside the lines or on the lines and in the area where the ball went out.
- In mini soccer please give each team a second chance and explain why. No need to be strict on throw as you could be there for some time, let the play go if close but explain what they need to do to improve. We are there to help and not judge.

16.Law 16 - Goal Kick

- Read the Law.
- There are locations marked on the field for taking goal kicks and the only add on is to let the players know that the ball must clear the penalty area before it is in play.

- If it has not left the penalty area and is played by defender or attacking player the kick is retaken.

17.Law 17 - Corner Kick

- Read the law and explain that the kick may be taken for the inside of the arc or on the lines that encompass the corner kick area, should be 1 yard.
- The ball must be kicked and move before in play.
- A goal cannot be scored from the corner kick.

These are the Laws for mini soccer games that require a referee. The U8 game is different and does not require referees.