

Massabesic United Soccer Club

Fall 2011 Playing Rules

5th and 6th Grade 8 v 8

All rules conform to FIFA except the following:

Law I – The Field of Play

A. Size: Length 70 yards, width 50 yards

B. Markings: A halfway line across the field, a center circle with an eight (8) yard radius, four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius, goal area six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line, penalty area fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line

C. Goals: Width eighteen (18) feet, height six (6) feet

Law II – The Ball: Size four (4)

Law III – The Number of Players

A. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is eight (8) per team including the goalkeeper

B. Substitutions allowed with permission of referee: prior to a throw-in, prior to a goal kick, after a goal, after an injury, at half-time

C. Each player shall play at least 50% of the total playing time

Law IV – The Players' Equipment

A. Players may not wear any item of equipment that may be dangerous to themselves or others

B. Footwear shall be tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes (recommended)

C. Shin guards are MANDATORY

Law V – The Referee

A. One center referee will be assigned to each game, and two assistant referees will be assigned to each game

B. Keep game FUN, SAFE, and focused on the child

C. Stop and restart play

D. When play is stopped for a foul, rule infraction, or other reason, take time to explain WHY

Law VI – The Assistant Referees:

A. Two assistant referee will operate the sideline.

Law VII – The Duration of the Match

A. Two thirty (30) minute halves

B. Five (5) minute half-time break

Law VIII – The Start and Restart of Play

A. Opponents must be Eight (8) yards from center mark while kick-off is in progress

Law IX – The Ball In and Out of Play

A. Ball must completely cross line to be out of play

B. Ball is in play if any part of the ball is on or above the line

Law X – The Method of Scoring

A. Ball must completely cross goal line between posts and beneath crossbar to count

B. Coaches will be expected to show consideration when it comes to the number of goals scored by his or her team, particularly when it is in excess to the number of goals scored by the opponent. In other words, please try not to rack up a high score against an opponent.

Law XI – Offside: Conform to FIFA

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

- A. Kicking, tripping, pushing, striking or attempting to do so to an opponent shall result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team from the spot of the foul
- B. Referees shall explain the foul to the offending player

Law XIII – Free Kicks

- A. All free kicks will be indirect
- B. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away
- C. All free kicks will be taken outside the goal box

Law XIV – The Penalty Kick: Conform to FIFA

Law XV – The Throw-in

- A. Awarded when ball completely crosses sideline
- B. At the moment of delivering the ball, player must be facing the field of play, must have part of each foot either on the sideline or on the ground outside the sideline, must use both hands, and must deliver the ball from behind and over his or her head
- C. If a player commits a throw-in violation on his or her first attempt, referee will stop play, explain the infraction to the player, and give the player one additional throw-in attempt
- D. If a second throw-in attempt results in a violation, the opposing team is awarded a throw-in from the same spot
- E. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in

Law XVI – The Goal Kick

- A. If the team attempting to score a goal is the last to touch the ball before it crosses the goal line outside the goal posts, the opposing team puts the ball back into play with a goal kick. The opposing team retreats to half field before the kick occurs, unless team kicks quickly the opposing team may attack when the ball is kicked.

Law XVII – The Corner Kick

- A. If the defending team is the last to touch the ball before it crosses the goal line outside the goal posts, the attacking team puts it into play with an indirect kick from the corner arc closest to where the ball went out
- B. Opposing team must be eight (8) yards away..