

# 2020 Fall Season - Rec League Rules [September 15th]

All FIFA Laws, Refer To Attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 Booklet, Will Be In Effect Unless Otherwise Stated.

## Law #1: The Field Of Play

\* A 50 x 100 yard field or as close to this size as possible should be used. An 8 x 24 foot goal or as close to this size as possible should be used.

## Law #2: The Ball

\* U12 League will use a size #4 ball. Middle School (MS) League will use a size #5 ball.

## Law #3: The Number Of Players

\* Each program will state at the preseason meeting what numbers of field players they need to go with for the season. 11v11 will be used unless there is a program that needs to go with 9v9 or 10v10 in which case whenever playing this program 9v9 or 10v10 will be used for the game.

\* Substitutions, A substitution may only be made in a stoppage of play. Before a kickoff, after a score, before a throw-in if team throwing-in is substituting a player, before a goal-kick or before a corner-kick. A player wanting to substitute must be in the substitute box at the time of the stoppage of play. All players must enter and leave the field at the center mark.

Players being substituted and leaving the field at the closest point, touch/goal line will not be implemented this season.

## Law #4: The Players Equipment

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet.

## Law #5: The Referee

\* The home team will supply a 1-3 Referees per game. If 1 Referee Club Linesman will be used if volunteers are available, an adult from each team will be asked to help the Referee with ball out of play calls only.

## Law #6: The Assistant Referees

\* When having 3 Referees, 1 Center Referee and 2 Linesmen (Assistant Referees).

## Law #7: The Duration Of The Match

\* U12 League, Two 30 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime. MS League, Two 35 minute halves with a 5 minute halftime. Should a game end in a tie there will be no penalty kick shootout to decide the winning team.

## Law #8: The Start And Re-Start Of Play

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet. Kick-Off, the ball may now be played backwards. Whenever a Drop-Ball is used, never inside the penalty area, it will involve only one player, the player will be from the team which last made contact with the ball. All other players must be 5 yards from the drop.

## Law #9: The Ball In And Out Of Play

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet. Play is stopped if the ball makes contact with the referee with being restarted with a Drop-Ball.

## Law #10: The Method Of Scoring

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet.

## Law #11: Offside

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet.

### **Law #12: Fouls And Misconduct**

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet. All USSF Referees are taught to adhere to the FIFA Laws Of The Game unless instructed to do otherwise. In addition, to refing to the level of play. Both the U12 and MS Leagues being recreational leagues this should factor into the Referees calls due to the wide range of player experience on a team and between the teams in the U12 and MS Leagues.

### **Law #13: Free Kicks**

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet. **Wall, Opponent players are not allowed to be in it and must be at least one yard away from any part of it.**

### **Law #14: The Penalty Kick**

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet. **The goalkeeper defending against a penalty kick will be allowed to have one foot into the field prior to the ball being in play provided that some part of the other foot is on and remains on the goal line**

### **Law #15: The Throw-In**

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet.

### **Law #16: The Goal Kick**

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet. **Goal-Kick, The ball must be stationary and is kicked from any point within the goal area, the ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves, opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. For covid related reasons there will be no coin toss this season, the visiting team will decide whether to kickoff first or to select the goal it will attack.**

### **Law #17: Corner Kick**

\* Refer to attached FIFA Laws Of The Game 2020-21 booklet.

### **Miscellaneous Rules**

\* Conduct: It's paramount that all involved act in an appropriate manner, Coaches, Players and Spectators. Should there be an incident it should be reported to both of the teams Programs Coordinators to address within 24 hours of a game's completion. To include if a player was given a red card in which case the player's name and number needs to be included.

\* Guest Player: If needed a Guest Player can be used. Guest Player requirements: Must be a current member of the program they are helping, be a member of a like age or younger team within program they are helping and their team top must match the team top of the team they are helping. Club level players (Select/Premier/ODP) are not permitted to be Guest Players. The exception being if a club level player is a current member of the program and a team within the program.

\* Heading: U12 League, not permitted. MS League, only be permitted in a game if both participating programs are in agreement to allow. The Program Coordinator will make this call, not a program's Head Coach. In any game in which heading isn't permitted should a player use their head an Indirect Free Kick will be awarded to the opposing team.

\* Inclement Weather: Should it be necessary to cancel a game this should be decided by both teams Head Coaches at least 2 hours in advance with the Head Coaches calling and emailing their Program Coordinators to update them before they begin making parent update calls and texts. Should it be necessary to cancel a game at halftime or later it a game it will be considered a completed game. During a fall season no joint attempt will be made to re-schedule a game. During a spring season a joint attempt will be made to re-schedule a game.

\* Inclement Weather - Field Conditions: Should it be necessary for a Program Coordinator or Head Coach to cancel a game due to field conditions the Program Coordinator or Head Coach must call and email the visiting Program Coordinator and Head Coach at least 2 hours in advance, preferably the day before.

- \* Lightning: Once sighted a game must be suspended. A game can continue once 30 minutes have elapsed since the last lightning strike. If a game cannot continue after 60 minutes it will be canceled.
- \* No Dogs: No dogs can be brought to any game.
- \* Referee Proficiency: Should there be an incident where a Referee/s were grossly incompetent or in which player safety was jeopardized it should be reported to both Programs Coordinators within 24 hours of a game's completion.
- \* Seating: Spectators must sit on the opposite side of the field from the teams and not on the ends of the field.
- \* Slide Tackling And Kicking: Slide tackling and kicking is not be permitted. Players must make every effort to stay on their feet.
- \* Team Colors: In the event of a conflict the home team will be required to wear an alternate color practice vest or jersey.
- \* Trash: Visiting teams along with their spectators must police their area for trash after a game out of curtesy to the home team and especially due to the Covid situation.