

Athens United Soccer Association's (AUSA) Developmental Program Rules of Play will be the "FIFA Laws of the Game", as modified by US Youth Soccer.

**Sportsmanship (for all age groups):** All persons in authority will conduct themselves in a manner that will not contribute to the delinquency of minors. Offensive, insulting, and/or abusive language will not be tolerated, either on the field of play or in the field's general area. Respect for match officials must be shown by all. Proper respect for opposing teams and spectators must be exhibited by all. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, team officials, and spectators. Physical violence, foul or abusive language, or harassment of players or match officials WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Any player or coach ejected from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next scheduled game. In the event a player or coach refuses to leave the premises after having been ejected by the match official, he shall be automatically suspended from the next two (2) games. Anyone not acting within the spirit of the above sportsmanship guidelines may be suspended by the AUSA Board of Directors.

**Deliberate Heading (U11 and younger):** If a player U11 or younger deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs in the goal area, the indirect free kick is given on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

**Build-out Lines (U9/10 only):** When the goalkeeper has the ball (either during play or from a goal kick), the opposing team must move behind the build out line. The goalkeeper may then pass, throw, or roll the ball to a teammate. THERE IS NO GOALKEEPER PUNTING. Once the ball is in play, the opposing team may cross the build out line and play resumes. But, what constitutes "in play"? Once the ball leaves the penalty area or if, in the run of play i.e., not on a goal kick, the goalkeeper opts to place the ball on the ground to play with his or her feet, the ball is considered in play. Additionally, a player cannot be punished for an offside offense in the area between the halfway line and build-out line. A player can be punished for an offside offense in the area between the build-out line and endline.

## **AUSA 2017-18 Developmental Rules**

	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U12</b>
<b>Playing Field</b>	25-35 yds (L) 15-25 yds (W)	25-35 yds (L) 15-25 yds (W)	55-65 yds (L) 35-45 yds (W)	70-80 yds (L) 45-55 yds (W)
<b>Ball Size</b>	3	3	4	4
<b># of Players</b>	4v4 (no goalkeepers)	4v4 (no goalkeepers)	7v7	9v9
<b>Game Duration</b>	Four 10-min quarters (3-5 min breaks)	Four 10-min quarters (3-5 min breaks)	Two 25-min halves (5-10 min halftime)	Two 30-min halves (5-10 min halftime)
<b>Formation Options</b>	1-2-1 or 2-1-1 or 2-2	1-2-1 or 2-1-1 or 2-2	1-3-1-2 or 1-3-2-1	1-3-3-2 or 1-3-2-3
<b>Rosters</b>	No Max. Size – 8	No Max. Size – 8	No Max. Size – 12	Submit to referee (along with player passes) before game. Max. Size – 16
<b>Referees</b>	Matches are organized and refereed on-field by the coach or other representative of each team. Time is kept by the coaches.	Matches are organized and refereed on-field by the coach or other representative of each team. Time is kept by the coaches.	(1) USSF Certified Center Official	(1) USSF Certified Center Official (2) USSF Certified Linesmen (when possible)
<b>Game Restarts</b>	Each half is started with a kick-off. A kick-off is used to restart play after a goal.  Restarts when the ball goes out-of-bounds are done per FIFA Laws of the Game.  A player will get two (2) attempts to throw-in the ball if the first is unsuccessful.  All fouls (incl. deliberate heading) or handballs are restarted using indirect kicks (no penalty kicks).	Each half is started with a kick-off. A kick-off is used to restart play after a goal.  Restarts when the ball goes out-of-bounds are done per FIFA Laws of the Game.  A player will get two (2) attempts to throw-in the ball if the first is unsuccessful.  All fouls (incl. deliberate heading) or handballs are restarted using indirect kicks (no penalty kicks).	FIFA Rules apply.  While punts/drop kicks are allowed, they are not encouraged. Teams are encouraged to play out of the back whenever possible.	FIFA Rules apply.
<b>Scoring</b>	Not track, announced, or acknowledged.	Not track, announced, or acknowledged.	Not track, announced, or acknowledged.	Tracked by referee.
<b>Offsides Enforced?</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Substitutions</b>	Free substitutions (any time)	Free substitutions (any time)	Substitutions may be made with the consent of the official per FIFA rules.  All players should leave and enter the field at the center line.	Substitutions may be made with the consent of the official per FIFA rules.  All players should leave and enter the field at the center line.
<b>Injuries</b>	Whenever the referee authorizes a coach to enter the field to attend to an injured player (excluding the goalkeeper), the player must leave the field. The injured player may be substituted or the player may re-enter the field after the match has restarted and with the official's permission. All players believed to have suffered a			

	head injury must be evaluated and cleared by a Health Care Professional (HCP) or a certified athletic trainer (ATC) before being permitted to return to the game.
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