

GENERAL: Eastern Carolina Soccer Association adopts the Laws of the Match as published by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association for all ECSA sanctioned competitions with the following modifications:

LAW I: THE FIELD:

A: Dimensions:

1. U9/U10: The field of play shall be rectangular. Minimum dimensions 35 yards wide and 45 yards long. Maximum dimensions 45 yards wide and 60 yards long.
2. U11/U12: The field of play shall be rectangular. Minimum dimensions 45 yards wide and 70 yards long. Maximum dimensions 55 yards wide and 80 yards long.
3. U13 thru U19: The field of play shall be rectangular, minimum of 100 to 130 yards in length by 50 to 100 yards wide. Field widths of 65 yards are encouraged. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.

B. Markings:

1. A center circle: Refer to appropriate age group Modification.
2. Four corner arcs with one yard radius
3. Flag posts: Corner flags are mandatory and must be at least 5 ft tall.
4. Goal Area: Refer to appropriate age group Modification.
5. Penalty Area: Refer to appropriate age group Modification.
6. Goals: Refer to appropriate age group Modification.
7. Spectator Lines running parallel with both touchlines from penalty area to penalty area and at least 5 foot off the touch line.

D. Coach's Area:

1. Teams will be on the same side of the pitch. Coaches must stay in the area from the top of the penalty area to midfield and are free to move within this area outside the touchline on their end of the field.
2. If coach's have issues with the Referee, they should notify their Club Representative. Do not confront the referee.

LAW II: THE BALL:

- A. U9 thru U12: Size Four (4)
- B. U13 and Up: Size Five (5)

LAW III: NUMBER OF PLAYERS:

A. Roster size will conform to NCYSA Rules. Refer to appropriate ECSA age group Modification.

- 1. Teams may be Co-ed except that Girl teams will only have female participants.

B: Substitutions

- 1. A team may substitute on its own throw in or either team may substitute on a goal kick, after a goal is scored, or at halftime.
- 2. An injured player tended to on the pitch must be substituted and may return to the match at the next substitution opportunity. The other team may make a like number of substitutions.
- 3. Players enter by standing at midfield.

C. Playing time:

- 1. Encourage half the match playing time. The intent is for players to share maximum playing time. Players must enter each half of the match.

D. Numbers of players to start a match: Refer to appropriate ECSA age group Modification.

LAW IV: PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT - Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or cleated soccer shoes approved by FIFA and NCYSA.
- B. Shin-guards are mandatory.
- C. Shirts must have a distinctive one (1) or two (2) digit number.
- D. No names are allowed on the uniform.

LAW V: REFEREE: Conform to FIFA or ECSA Age Group Modifications

LAW VI: LINESMAN: Conform to FIFA or ECSA Age Group Modifications

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LAW VII: DURATION OF GAME:

A: The match shall be played in two equal halves of the following duration:

1. U9/10: 25 min with 10 min halftime
2. U11/12: 30 min with 10 min halftime
3. U13/15: 35 min with 10 min halftime
4. U16/19: 40 min with 10 min halftime or ECSA U19 Age Group Modifications

B: The teams will only exchange ends of the field at the halftime break.

LAW VIII. PROTESTS & APPEALS:

A. Protests of matches will be allowed only for incidents involving misapplication of the rules. Officials "judgment calls" cannot be protested.

B. If a protest is expected, it shall be noted on the score sheet at the point in the match and prior to the referee's signing the score sheet.

C. Protest fee is \$100.00 and must be paid by club check, cashier's check, or money order.

D. Protestor shall contact their ECSA Club Representative to start the process. The Club ECSA Representative shall advise the ECSA President within 48 hours of intended protest.

LAW IX: THE START OF PLAY - Conform to FIFA or ECSA Age Group Modifications

LAW X: BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY - Conform to FIFA

LAW XI: METHOD OF SCORING - Conform to FIFA

LAW XII: OFFSIDE - Conform to FIFA or ECSA Age Group Modifications

LAW XIII: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT - Conform to FIFA

LAW XIV: FREE KICKS - Conform to FIFA

LAW XV: PENALTY KICKS - Conform to FIFA

LAW XVI: THROW IN - Conform to FIFA

LAW XVII: GOAL KICK - Conform to FIFA

LAW XVIII: CORNER KICK - Conform to FIFA

ADDITIONAL:

- Coaches and players should shake hands after each match.
- Parent/Spectators should not coach nor instruct the players during the match.
- No Pets Allowed.
- No alcoholic beverages will be consumed on or allowed near any of the venues.
- The use of tobacco and tobacco products during a match is prohibited.
(This includes e-cigs and vaping cigarettes)