

Optimist Club of Naples - Soccer **Program HS Rule Modifications**

Modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game
FIFA Laws of the Game can be found on our website – www.optimistsoccer.org

Law 1 – The Field of Play

Law 2 – The Ball: Size 5

Law 3 – The Number of Players: Each team should consist of not more than 11 players, one of whom is a goalkeeper. All games must be played with the same number of players on each team, unless a player or players have been ejected by the referee. Each team must have a minimum of 2 female players on the field during the game (a female goalkeeper does not count!).

Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited. **You may substitute a female player for a male player however you may not substitute a male player for a female player unless two female players remain on the field**

Law 4 – The Players' Equipment: Conform to FIFA. **Only sports safety glasses are permitted on the field of play.**

Law 5 – The Referee: A registered referee.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees: Two.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match: The game will be divided into two 40 minute halves. There shall be a water break mid-way through the first half and another water break mid-way through the second half. **The referee will not stop the clock during the mandatory water breaks.** There shall be a half-time interval of 5 minutes.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 – Offside: Conform to FIFA.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA.

A second yellow card during a game will result in the offending player missing the remainder of that game (they may not be replaced on the field). A straight red card will result in the offending player missing the remainder of that game (they may not be replaced on the field) and missing the entire next game.

No slide tackles are allowed.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 15 – The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA.

No scores or standings will be kept.