

Optimist Club of Naples - Soccer
Program U4-U6 Rule Modifications

Modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game FIFA Laws of the Game can be found on our website – www.optimistsoccer.org
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Law 1 – The Field of Play: The match is played on **dual fields** side by side.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size 3

Law 3 – The Number of Players: Each team should consist of not more than 4 players. There are no goalkeepers. All games must be played with the same number of players on each team. If numbers allow, a team with extra players should “loan” them to the team that is short then play.

Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited.

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

Law 5 – The Referee: A coach.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees: None.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match: The game will be divided into two 18 minute halves. There shall be a 2 minute water break mid-way through the first half and a 2 minute water break mid-way through the second half. **The clock does not stop 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: None.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA.

No headers are allowed.

No slide tackles allowed.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA, with the exception that all free kicks are indirect.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick: None.

Law 15 – The Pass-In: A pass-in is considered an indirect free kick.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA.

No scores or standings will be kept.