**T-CYSA: Small-Sided Laws of the Game**

**Birth Year:(U08) – 4 v 4**

**LAW I - THE FIELD:**

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, thirty (30) yards long and twenty (20) yards wide.

B. Markings:

1. Goals should be a maximum of six (6) feet wide and four (4) feet tall. Cones or corner flags may be used to mark goal.

2. Center line should be centered fifteen (15) yards from goal line and will double as the build out line.

**LAW II - THE BALL:** Size three (3).

**LAW III – NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is four (4), no goalkeeper.

B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed eight (8).

C. Substitutions:

1. May be made at the end of each half and/or at any stoppage of play, with the consent of the referee.

2. Playing time: Each player **SHALL** play a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the total playing time.

**LAW IV – PLAYERS EQUIPMENT:**

A. All player equipment shall conform to Law IV of the laws of the game except as amended below.

B. An “official” uniform jersey shall be worn.

C. All or any member(s) of a team may wear extra protective clothing against the cold, including gloves without dangerous, protruding or hard objects, provided that: The proper team uniform is worn outermost. The referee’s discretion may be used to determine if an item of protective clothing goes beyond the purpose of providing a means of retaining body heat.

D. Pursuant to FIFA’s LAW IV, the wearing of **ANY** jewelry is prohibited (the only exceptions are medical or religious items and then only with the consent of the referee). Jewelry includes earrings of any sort (including “starter” earrings).

E. Pursuant to FIFA’s LAW IV, shin guards are required and must be covered by the stockings.

**LAW V – REFEREE:** Referees are assigned for each game.The referee must be a currently licensed grade 9 or equivalent. In the event a referee is not present each coach will referee one half of the match.

**LAW VI – THE ASSISTANT REFEREE:** Not Applicable.

**LAW VII – DURATION OF GAME:**

1. The game shall be divided into two (2), twenty (20) minute halves.
2. Half time break shall be five (5) minutes.

**LAW VIII – THE START OF PLAY:**

1. Opponents must be on their own half and no closer than four (4) yards from the center while kickoff is in progress.
2. The ball is in play when it is kicked forward, backwards, etc. The kicker shall not touch the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player. For any infractions of these laws, the referee will explain the proper procedure and the kickoff shall be retaken.
3. A goal shall not be scored directly from a kickoff without the ball being touched by at least one other player on either team.
4. Restarting play after temporary delay: In the case of a temporary suspension due to an injury or any unusual situation, if one team is clearly in possession of the ball, the game shall be restarted by an indirect free kick by the team in possession of the ball at the point where the play was suspended.

**LAW IX – BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:** Standard FIFA rule.

**LAW X – METHOD OF SCORING:** Balls must cross between goal markers no higher than four (4) feet high to count as goals. This is at the discretion of the referee. Also, if a cone is knocked over by the ball the goal will not be allowed and play will restart with a goal kick or corner kick depending on if the ball was last touched by a player attacking or defending team.

**LAW XI – OFFSIDE:** The offside rule **will not** be enforced, however, the intent of the rule will be followed. Positioning a player in front of the opponent's goal irrespective of the location of the ball on the field is contrary to the aims of the program. The referee shall take appropriate action to prevent this kind of play (an indirect kick to the offended team and instructional statements to the violating players and coach).

**LAW XII – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:**

1. Slide tackling is **NOT** permitted. As such, any player playing the ball with their feet from the ground **SHALL** be considered playing in a dangerous manner resulting in an indirect kick for the opposing team.
2. Heading the ball is **NOT** permitted. As such, any player playing the ball with their head **SHALL** be considered playing in a dangerous manner resulting in an indirect kick for the opposing team.
3. Indirect free kicks will be awarded only.
4. No penalty kicks.

**LAW XIII – FREE KICKS:** Indirect only, following the standard FIFA rule except that the exclusion radius is four (4) yards.

**LAW XIV – THE PENALTY KICK:** Not Applicable

**LAW XV – THE THROW-IN:** Follow thestandard FIFA rule except that foul throw-ins shall be retaken.

**LAW XVI – THE GOAL KICK:**

1. A goal shall not be scored directly from a goal kick without the ball being touched by at least one other player on either team.
2. The goal kick should be taken from within three (3) yards of the goal.
3. The defending players can be no closer than their side of the build out line.

**LAW XVII – THE CORNER KICK:**

1. A goal shall not be scored directly from a corner kick without the ball being touched by at least one other player on either team.
2. The corner kick should be taken with the defending players no closer than four (4) yards from the corner.

Technical

Spectator Viewing Area

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Area

Mid Field (Build Out Line)  
45’ from goal line

Goal Post  
3’ from center

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**Goal: 6’**

**Goal Area: NONE**

**Penalty Area: NONE**

**Penalty Spot: NONE**

**U05, U06, U07 & U08 Field**

**(20 yards x 30 yards)**

**60’ x 90’**

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**Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association**

**U05, U06, U07 and U08 Small-Sided:**

**4 v 4 (no goalies)**

**Suggested Four Positions of Play: 1-2-1**

**Full Back Midfielder (x2) Forward**

**Referee Report**

**Match** Referee:        **Level Duration Ball Exclusion Radius Fouls and Misconduct**

      AR1:       U05/U06 2: 16 min halves 3 4 Yards \* Retake/Indirect Only +

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Time:       U11/U12 2: 30 min halves 4 FIFA (10 yards) FIFA (PKs at 8 yards) +

Kick-off by: Home - Away U13-U15 2: 35 min halves 5 FIFA (10 yards) FIFA (PKs at 12 yards)

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**1 Kicking 2 Tripping**   **1 Unsporting behavior 1 Serious foul play**

**3 Jumping at 4 Charging 2 Dissent 2 Violent conduct**

**5 Striking 6 Pushing 3 Persistent infringement 3 Spitting**

**7 Tackling in a violent or 4 Delay restart 4 DOGSO deliberate ball handling**

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**10 Deliberate ball handling 7 Leaves field without permission 7 Second caution**

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