**T-CYSA: Small-Sided Rules**

**Birth Year:(U12) – 9 v 9**

**LAW I - THE FIELD:**

1. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, eighty (80) yards long and fifty-five (55) yards wide.

B. Markings:

1. Goals should be a maximum of six (6) feet high and eighteen (18) feet wide. Goals must be anchored.

2. A center line should be centered forty (40) yards from the goal line and include a center circle with a sixteen (16) yard diameter.

3. Goal area should be four (4) yards; the penalty area shall be twelve (12) yards.

4. The Penalty Mark is eight (8) yards from the goal line.

**LAW II - THE BALL:** Size four (4).

**LAW III – NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is nine (9), one of whom must be a goalkeeper.

B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed fourteen (14).

C. Substitutions:

1. May be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage of play.

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:** The referees are assigned to 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:** Assistant referees will be used whenever possible to assist the referee. Volunteer linesmen may be used at the discretion of the referee only for the purpose of calling the ball in or out of play.

**LAW VII – DURATION OF GAME:**

1. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of thirty (30) minutes each.
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 ten (10) 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. Any infractions of these laws shall be played per FIFA rules.
3. 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:** Standard FIFA rule.

**LAW XI – OFFSIDE:** Standard FIFA rule.

**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. Both direct and indirect free kicks will be awarded.
3. Charging the goalkeeper is **not** allowed; no players shall make contact with the goalkeeper.

**LAW XIII – FREE KICKS:** Follow the standard FIFA rule.

**LAW XIV – THE PENALTY KICK:** Follow the standard FIFA rule except that the spot is eight (8) yards from the goal line.

**LAW XV – THE THROW-IN:** Follow thestandard FIFA rule.

**LAW XVI – THE GOAL KICK:** Follow thestandard FIFA rule.

**LAW XVII – THE CORNER KICK:** Follow the standard FIFA rule.

Spectator Viewing Area

Area

Technical

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Goal Area  
21’ from center

Mid Field  
120’ from goal line

Goal Post  
9’ from center

Goal Area  
21’ from center

Penalty Area  
45’ from center

Goal Area:   
12’ from goal line

Penalty Area  
45’ from center

Goal Post  
9’ from center

Penalty Area  
36’ from goal line

**Goal: 18’**

**Goal Area: 42’ x 12’**

**Penalty Area: 90’ x 36’**

**Penalty Spot: 24’ from goal line**

**U11 and U12 Field**

**(55 yards x 80 yards)**

**165’ x 240’**

**(10 yards)**

**30’ radius**

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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**

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