

**Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Assn.
Basic rule variations (2014)
by Age Group**

	<u>U-6/7</u>	<u>U-08</u>	<u>U-09</u>	<u>U-10</u>	<u>U-11</u>	<u>U-12</u>	<u>U-13/14</u>	<u>U-15/16</u>	<u>U-17/18</u>
Match Duration	4 x 8 Min. 4 x 10 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 30 Min.	2 x 30 Min.	2 x 35 Min.	2 x 40 Min.	2 x 45 Min.
Ball Size	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total # of Field Players	3	4	6	6	9	11	11	11	11
Incorrect throw-in	Retake (see note 1)	Retake (see note 1)	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA
Free Kicks	IFK only (see note 3)	IFK only (see note 3)	IFK only (see note 3)	IFK only (see note 3)	Per FIFA (PK @ 10yds)	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA
Offside enforced	No	No	Yes (see note 2)	Yes (see note 2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slide Tackle	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed

Note 1: In addition to allowing the player to retake the throw, please instruct player as to their mistake. At U-08 and below, allow 1 retake. Play on after that, even if still incorrect. We don't want half of the match taken up with throw-ins. Since incorrect throw-ins do not result in a change of possession at this level, it is acceptable for a coach and/or referee to give instructions/reminders to players prior to the throw if it will help teach the player and keep the game flowing.

Note 2: Offside will be enforced for U-9 and U-10. However, coaches and parents are expected to understand that it is normally the job of Assistant Referees to watch for this. We do not assign Assistant Referees to these matches. Therefore, it is possible that a referee may not be in position to see a "close" offside call. The referee will use their best judgment and their decisions will be final. Coaches and parents will **NOT** argue offside calls (or lack of). For those coaches who may be more familiar with soccer "tactics"; you are not to be trying to coach "offside trap" at these levels.

Note 3: No free kicks for the attacking team will be taken within the penalty area (no penalty kicks). If an offense occurs within the penalty area that results in a free kick for the attacking team, the ball will be placed at the nearest point immediately outside of the penalty area. The IFK will be taken from that point.

(All Ages) Injury stoppage (or any other unusual situation): Restart with a Dropped Ball per FIFA Laws of the Game.

***Exception: If the match happens to be sanctioned by Washington Youth Soccer (very few, if any, Skagit Valley youth matches are) then..."If one team is clearly in possession of the ball, the game shall be restarted with an IFK by the team in possession of the ball at the point where the ball was when play was suspended. Should there not be clear possession at the time play is suspended due to an injury or any unusual situation, there will be a drop ball at the spot where the ball was declared dead."