



## **Canton Soccer Club House League Rules (Laws of the Game) U7 and U8**

### **Law 1: The Field of Play**

All games will be played on a small-sided field for all age levels as mandated by US Soccer.

Field Size: Length 25-35 yards by width 15-25 yards

Goal Size: 4x6 feet

### **Law 2: The Ball**

U7 and U8 play with a size 3 ball.

### **Law 3: The Players**

4v4 (No Goalkeeper)

Substitutions are unlimited and can be made at the following stoppages:

Kick-In in your favor or the other team's

Goal kick

Corner kick

In between quarters and half

After a Goal is scored

### **Law 4: The Player's Equipment**

All players will have shin guards, footwear, and a uniform. Players are permitted to wear a jacket or sweater underneath their uniform for warmth. If a hoodie is worn then the hood must be tucked inside of the jersey. **NO PLAYER MAY WEAR JEWELRY ON THE FIELD. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS MEDICAL BRACELETS, WHICH MUST BE TAPED TO THE BODY.**

### **Law 5: The Referee**

The referee has absolute authority of the game. The Canton Soccer Club has a "ZERO TOLERANCE" policy when dealing with referee abuse. The Canton Soccer Club board will deal with any verbal or mental abuse of the referee. The referee has the right to postpone a game or abandon it. If you have any issue with a referee please contact the Referee Scheduler:

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### **Law 6: The Other Match Officials**

No Assistant Referees for House

### **Law 7: The Duration of the Match**

4x10 min quarters  
2 minutes between quarters and 5 minutes for half-time

**Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play**

All restarts will be an Indirect Free Kick. Opponents must be at least 10 feet away from the spot of the foul. Any foul occurring inside the goal box will be brought out to the edge of the goal box at the point parallel to the goal line where the foul occurred. Kick-offs can move in any direction off the first touch. Players cannot dribble off a kickoff.

**Law 9: The Ball in and Out of Play**

The ball is out of play when it has wholly passed over the goal line or touchline on the ground or in the air and when play has been stopped by the referee. The ball is in play at all other times, including when it rebounds off a match official, goalpost, crossbar or corner flagpost and remains in the field of play.

**Law 10: Determining the Outcome of a Match**

Scores are not kept in the House league.

**Law 11: Offside**

There are no offside positions in the House league.

**Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct**

According to FIFA Laws of the Game with the addition of no sliding tackles. Players cannot purposely head the ball. The result will be an indirect free kick being awarded to the opposing team.

**Law 13: Free Kicks**

All free kicks will be an Indirect Free Kick and opponents shall be at least 10 feet away on all restarts.

**Law 14: The Penalty Kick**

Not used in House soccer.

**Law 15: The Kick-In**

The throw-in is NOT used at U7/U8 and is replaced with a kick-in. A kick-in is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball when the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, on the ground or in the air. All opponents must stand at least 10 feet from the point at which the kick-in is taken.

**Law 16: The Goal Kick**

A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored. Opponents must be behind the halfway line for goal kicks and play resumes at the point the kick is taken.

**Law 17: The Corner Kick**

The corner kick is an indirect free kick and will follow the procedures outlined in FIFA Laws of the game. Opponents must be at least 10 feet away from the ball on the restart.

**Law 6: Substitutions**

Unlimited.  
Can occur at any stoppage

For example, you may sub on:

Kick-In in your favor or the other team's

Goal kick

Corner kick

In between quarters and half

After a Goal is scored

Special note to all Officials, Coaches, Parents and Players

This is a developmental league and we ask that officials use this game as a teaching model. It is fully acceptable to have a "re-do" if there is a bad goal kick or kick-in.

Unless there is a noted change, the game will be officiated by the guidelines set forth by FIFA, the United States Soccer Federation, and US Youth Soccer Association. These laws can be found in FIFA Laws of the Game. Also, available online at [www.FIFA.com](http://www.FIFA.com).

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