



## **Broomfield Soccer Club: 6v6 Official Laws Under 8**

### **LAW I – THE FIELD**

- A. Field Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length between 40 and 50 yards and its width between 20 and 30 yards. U.S. Youth Soccer Recommendation: Length – 50 Yards, Width – 30 Yards
- B. Field Markings:
  - 1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
  - 2. A halfway line.
  - 3. A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.
  - 4. Goal Area five (5) yards from each goal post and five (5) yards into the field of play.
  - 5. Penalty area 12 yards from each goal post and 12 yards into the field of play.
- C. Goals: Club Provided at 6'x12'.

### **LAW II – THE BALL**

- A. A. The ball is Size 3 and spherical.
- B. The outer casing should be leather or an approved synthetic. No dangerous materials should be used in the construction of the ball.

### **LAW III – NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

- A. Maximum number on the field is 6, one of which is the goalkeeper.
- B. Substitutions may be made at ANY stoppage in play ball.
- C. Each player shall normally play at least 50% of each game.

### **LAW IV – EQUIPMENT**

- A. A jersey or shirt (same color for all players on a team).
- B. Shorts – Jerseys/Shirts must be tucked in.
- C. Shin guards are mandatory for protection.
- D. Stockings– must completely cover the shin guards.
- E. Appropriate footwear -tennis shoes or soccer cleats.

### **LAW V – REFEREE**

- A. A referee will be appointed to officiate the game.
- B. The referee may not be shown any verbal or visible dissent during, or after, the game.
- C. If a referee has not been appointed, two coaches (or parents) will officiate the game.

### **LAW VI – LINESMAN (AR)**

- A. Linesmen will not be utilized for this age group.

### **LAW VII – DURATION OF THE GAME**

- A. The game shall be divided into 2 halves of 25 minutes each.
- B. Half-time break of 5 minutes.

### **LAW VIII – START OF PLAY**

- A. At the start of the game, choice of field ends is determined by a coin toss.
  - 1. Winning team decides which end to defend
  - 2. Losing team starts with the ball
- B. Opponent must be outside the center circle at the kick-off.
- C. The ball must travel forward, and cannot be touched by the same player a second time until another player touches it.

### **LAW IX – BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY**

The ball is out of play when:

- A. When it has completely crossed a boundary line.
- B. When the game has been halted by an official.

### **LAW X – METHOD OF SCORING**

- A. A goal is scored when the ball completely crosses the goal line.
- B. The ball must cross the goal line between the uprights of the goal and under the crossbar.

### **LAW XI – OFFSIDE**

- A. Offside will not be enforced.
- B. Coaches will encourage their players not to “camp out” beyond the offside line.

### **LAW XII – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

- A. Opponents shall be 8 yards away from the ball before the kick.
- B. The referee/coach/parent should explain the foul before play continues.
- C. A team is awarded a free kick when an opposing player commits one of the following offenses:
  - 1. Kicks an opponent.
  - 2. Trips an opponent.
  - 3. Charges or jumps at an opponent.
  - 4. Strikes or spits at an opponent.
  - 5. Pushes an opponent.
  - 6. Tackles an opponent without first touching the ball.
  - 7. Holds an opponent.
  - 8. Handles the ball deliberately.
  - 9. Plays in a dangerous manner.
  - 10. When the goalkeeper holds the ball for more than 6 seconds.

### **LAW XIII – FREE KICKS**

- A. All free kicks shall be indirect.

### **LAW XIV – PENALTY KICKS**

- A. No penalty kicks. An indirect free kick is awarded at the point of the infraction.

### **LAW XV – THROW-INS**

- A. Throw-ins are used as a method of restarting play only in the second season of the playing year, which is the spring season.
- B. A throw-in is awarded to the other team when a player causes the ball to cross the side line.

- C. The player throwing the ball in must have both hands on the ball, and both feet on the ground when the ball is thrown.
- D. The throw-in is taken from the point the ball crosses the line.

#### **LAW XVI – GOAL KICK**

- A. A goal kick is awarded to the defending team when the attacking team causes the ball to cross over the defending teams goal line outside of the goal.
- B. The kick is taken from within the goal area.
- C. The ball must leave the penalty area before it can be touched by a member of either team.

#### **LAW XVII – CORNER KICK**

- A. A corner kick is awarded to the attacking team when the defending team causes the ball to cross over the defending teams goal line outside of the goal.
- B. The kick is taken from within 1 yard of the nearest corner flag.
- C. Defenders must be at least 8 yards from the ball.

#### **Additional US Youth Soccer Recommendations**

- ~ Opposing parents/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
- ~ Do not record league standings.
- ~ Do not record final score.
- ~ Parent/coaches are on field acting as referees.
- ~ Participation awards for ALL.
- ~ No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing field.