

# Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commission

## Modified U-6 Soccer Rules

*Referees are encouraged to explain the infractions to the players. The players, coaches, and spectators may not challenge the referee's rulings.*

**Law 1: Field of Play:** Dimensions: 25 yards by 20 yards. The modified circle has a radius of three (3) yards. There are no penalty areas, penalty marks, nor goal areas. The corner arcs have a two (2) foot radius. The goal is 4 feet by 6 feet. All other FIFA rules apply.

**Law 2: The Ball:** A size 3 ball is used. All other FIFA rules apply.

**Law 3: The Number of Players:** Matches are played 4 versus 4. There are NO goalkeepers. Each player plays at least half the game unless for disciplinary purposes or injury. The referee and opposing coach must be notified if any player doesn't play half the games. There are only substitutions after the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters. If a player is substituted because of an injury, the opposing coach may also substitute. The injured player may return to the field during the same quarter after he/she has been examined by the coach. The coach must inform the referee before he/she resubstitutes the injured player. One coach is allowed on his defensive end of the field. All other FIFA rules apply.

**Law 4: The Player's Equipment:** All FIFA rules apply.

**Law 5: The Referee:** All FIFA rules apply. *Coaches are required to officiate their own games when the referee is not present. Coaches, as referees, must not be biased towards either team during the match.*

**Law 6: The Assistant Referees:** There are no assistant referees.

**Law 7: The Duration of the Match:** There will be four (4) nine (9) minute quarters and a five (5) minute half-time break. The break between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters will not exceed two (2) minutes. There will be no extra time. All other FIFA rules apply.

**Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play:** The start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be where the referee stopped play at the end of the preceding quarter (i.e. throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, kick off). Referees should only use the drop ball method as last resort. All other FIFA rules apply.

**Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play:** All FIFA rules apply.

**Law 10: The Method of Scoring:** All FIFA rules apply.

**Law 11: Offside:** Offside will not be called. *Coaches are **not** to encourage "cherry picking" (leaving an attacker at the opponents goal). However, coaches are encouraged to teach players to stay with the last defender.*

**Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct:** All fouls and misconduct will result in a throw-out awarded to the opposing team. All other FIFA rules apply.

**Law 13: Free Kicks:** All free kicks will be indirect. There are no direct free kicks. All opponents must be three (3) yards from the ball.

**Law 14: The Penalty Kick:** Penalty kicks will not be awarded.

**Law 15: The Throw-In:** Players will be allowed unlimited extra attempts after an improper throw-in. *Coaches and referees are encouraged to assist after an improper throw-in.* All other FIFA rules apply.

**Law 16: The Goal Kick:** Goal kicks should be taken within two (2) – three (3) yards of the goal. Opponents must be six (6) yards from the ball before it is kicked. All FIFA rules apply.

**Law 17: The Corner Kick:** Opponents must be six (6) yards from the ball until it is in play. All other FIFA rules apply.

**Technical Area:** Spectators and teams are allowed to be together on the side.