

## RULE MODIFICATIONS FOR U-16 RECREATION LEAGUE (as sanctioned by GYSA and Dacula Soccer Club)

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### Field of Play (Law 1):

- No one shall be allowed behind the end lines during the course of a match.
- Coaches and players will be on opposite side of field from spectators.\*
- Coaches and substitutes are to remain in the technical area during match play.

### Ball Size (Law 2):

- Size 5 ball shall be used.

### Number of Players (Law 3):

- Maximum number on the field – 11
- Number to start match – 7
- Number to finish match – 7
- Prior to the start of a match, a complete team roster shall be prepared by each team coach and presented to the match official. Ineligible players shall be marked with an "X". A player not listed on the roster at the start of the game shall be ineligible to play in that game.

### Substitutions (Law 3):

- Players being substituted must exit the field of play prior to players coming on the field.
- All players should leave and enter the field at the middle of the field.
- Half of each half is the mandated playing time minimum per player.
- Substitutions shall be unlimited.
- Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the match official, at the following times:
  - Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
  - Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
  - After a goal is scored.
  - After an injury, by either team, when the match official stops play. Substitutions shall not be limited to only the injured player on his team.
  - At half time.
  - After a caution, by either team.
  - Substitutions are NOT allowed during the stoppage of play for a player being sent off.
- No player shall leave the field of play without the consent of the match official.

### Player's Equipment (Law 4):

- Players shall wear only soccer specific molded cleats/turfs or tennis shoes.
- Players shall not play with a cast.
- All players must wear shin guards covered *entirely* with socks.
- Goalkeepers shall wear a shirt of a *different* color from his teammates and his opponents.
- Jewelry and metal hair clips are not permitted.\*

### Duration of Game (Law 7):

- Two 40-minute halves.
- Half-time shall last 10 minutes.

### Start of Play (Law 8):

- Opponents must be ten yards from the center mark while a kick-off is in progress.
- Goals **may** be scored directly from a kick-off.

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**Fouls and Misconduct (Law 12):**

- A goalkeeper shall be penalized for handling the ball ***intentionally passed*** to him from the feet of a teammate. The penalty for this is an indirect free kick for the opposing team at the point the goalkeeper handled the ball.
- Note: if a goalkeeper punts the ball which strikes a teammate within the penalty area and rebounds into the goal, a goal shall be awarded to the opposing team.

**Goal Kick (Law 16):**

- Opposing players may not play the ball until it clears the penalty area.
- Goals **may** be scored directly from goal kicks.

**Corner Kick (Law 17):**

- Opponents must be ten yards away from the ball.

**Sportsmanship (Section 7000):**

- All persons in authority will conduct themselves in a manner that will not contribute to the delinquency of minors.
- Offensive, insulting and abusive language will not be tolerated, either on field of play or in field's general area.
- Respect for match officials must be shown by all.
- Proper respect for opposing teams and spectators must be exhibited by all.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, team officials and spectators.
- Physical violence, foul and abusive language, or harassment of players or match officials **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
- Any player or coach ejected from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next scheduled game. In the event a player or coach refuses to leave the premises after having been ejected by the match official, he shall be automatically suspended from the next 2 games. (Note: Since some coaches coach more than one team, game suspensions will apply to the team for which the coach received the ejection.)
- Anyone not acting within the spirit of the above sportsmanship guidelines may be suspended by the Dacula Soccer Club Board of Directors.\*