

# Lubbock Soccer Association

## General Rules

### 3. Chapter 3: IFBA Laws of the Game

Games sanctioned by the Lubbock Soccer Association will be played under the rules published in the current edition of IFBA Laws of the Game (or its successor publications) except as modified by the Lubbock Soccer Association with the permission of the North Texas State Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association. The following modifications to the current edition of Laws of the Game are the rules which will be enforced in Lubbock Soccer Association league play.

#### Modifications to the Laws

##### 3.1. UNDER 4 MODIFICATIONS

###### Law 1 — The Field of Play

Dimensions: Length: 30 yards to 35 yards Width: 20 yards to 25 yards Center Circle radius: 3 yards Goal Area: Width: 12 feet along goal line (3 feet outside each goal post) Depth: 3 feet into field Penalty Area: NONE Corner Arc radius: 2 feet Goals: Width: 6 feet between the posts Height: 4 feet under the crossbar

###### Law 2 — The Ball

USSF size 3

###### Law 3 — The Number of Players

Each team shall consist of four players on the field. A minimum of three players on a team is required to begin play. There are NO goalkeepers or designated defenders. No more than eight persons may be named on a roster. Roster size may be amended by LSA Board. Substitutions: Substitutions may only be made during the break between quarters; however, a substitution may be made for an injured player during a stoppage of play. **Each team member must be allowed to play at least 50% of each game he/she attends.**

###### Law 4 — The Player's Equipment

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game plus: Jersey's must have distinctive 4" numbers on back. Home team will change jerseys if colors conflict. Home team will be listed first on game schedule. NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered entirely by the sock.

###### Law 5 — The Referee

There will be no Referee used for Under 4 play. The head Coach of record will be allowed on the field of play to assist with education of the players. The home team Coach will control the stopping and starting of the game as well as the time clock. The home team will be listed first on the schedule.

**NOTE:** All decisions made by the home coach are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee. Only referees registered with USSF may caution or send off players and/or discipline coaches or team officials.

###### Law 6 — The Assistant Referee

None used in Under 4 play

###### Law 7 — The Duration of the Match

Match is divided in four equal periods of 7 minutes each Half-time Interval: the interval between the second and third quarters will not exceed 5 minutes. Quarters Interval: the interval between the first and second quarters, as well as the interval between the third and fourth quarters will not exceed 2 minutes.

NOTE: These intervals are strictly for the purpose of substituting players and should end as soon as substitutions are completed.

###### Law 8 — The Start and Restart of Play

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except: Team which takes the kickoff to start the game will take the

kick-off to start the third quarter. The other team will take the kick-off to start the second and fourth quarters. Team will exchange ends at half-time. A goal may NOT be scored directly from a kick-off. Opponents must be 3 yards from the ball at kick-off.

**Law 9 — The Ball In and Out of Play**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 10 — The Method of Scoring**

**NO RECORD OF SCORES WILL BE KEPT** If the ball crosses the goal line between the goal post and under the crossbar, but one or more of the players on the team attacking the goal are in their own defensive half of the field to play defense, the referee will restart with a goal kick. Otherwise, conform to IFBA Laws of the Game for restart.

**Law 11 — Offside**

No Offside in this age group

**Law 12 — Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except: All free kicks will be indirect free kicks with all opponents at least 3 yards from ball. The referee is encouraged to explain fouls to players. Slide tackles/sliding is prohibited.

**Law 13 — Free Kicks**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except: All free kicks are indirect. All opponents must be at least 3 yards from ball.

**Law 14 — Penalty Kick**

There will be NO penalty kicks

**Law 15 — The Throw In**

The Throw-in is replaced with a kick-in. Kick-in is an indirect free kick from the touchline. All opponents must be at least 3 yards from the ball.

**Law 16 — The Goal Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except: A goal may not be scored directly. Opponents must at least 3 yards from ball.

**Law 17 — The Corner Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except: A goal may not be scored directly. Opponents must at least 3 yards from ball.

**NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES:**

The purpose of the small sided soccer game is to teach our youth to play soccer by playing with the ball. By limiting the number of players on the field, each player has more opportunities to touch the ball. The number of touches of the ball

by each player are more important than the player's technique. More opportunities to touch the ball occur when all eight players are close to the ball. Playing a set position limits the player's opportunity to touch the ball. No person other than the head coach of record and eight players should be on the field.

Substitutions, assistant coaches, parents, and other spectators should remain at least 6 feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. No spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. No spectators are allowed within 10 yards of the ends of the field. Assistant Coaches and substitutions should remain within 10 yards of the halfway line. Soccer is a game for the players! It is not a game for the coaches and/or parents who need to control the youth's game. Parents and coaches who need to participate more than encouraging their players are invited to join the adult soccer leagues available in Lubbock. Encourage the players and help them enjoy their game.

## **3.2. UNDER 5 UNDER 6 MODIFICATIONS**

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

Dimensions:

Length: 30 yards to 35 yards

Width: 20 yards to 25 yards

Center Circle radius: 3 yards

Goal Area:

Width: 12 feet along Goal Line [3 feet outside goal]

Depth: 3 feet into field

There is NO penalty area.

Corner Arc radius: 2 feet

Goals:

Width: 6 feet between the posts

Height: 4 feet under the crossbar

Otherwise Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

### **Law 2 - The Ball**

USSF Size 3

Otherwise Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

### **Law 3 - The Number of Players**

Each team shall consist of four players on field.

There are NO goalkeepers or designated defenders.

**Minimum number to start 3.**

Substitution:

Substitutions may only be made during the break between quarters; however, a substitution may be made for an injured player during a stoppage of play.

No more than 8 players (6 is recommended and is mandated 2017/18) may be named on a roster.

Roster size may be amended by LSA Board

**EACH TEAM MEMBER MUST BE ALLOWED TO PLAY 50% OF EACH GAME HE/SHE ATTENDS**

### **Law 4 - The Players' Equipment**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game plus:

Jerseys must have 4" number on back.

Home team will change jerseys if colors conflict.

NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered by the stockings.

### **Law 5 - The Referee**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except does NOT keep or report any score of the game.

NOTE: All decisions made by a person not registered as a referee who officiates the game because a registered referee is not available are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee.

Only referees registered with USSF may caution or send off players and/or discipline coaches or team officials.

### **Law 5 - The Referee**

There will be no Referee used for Under 4, Under 5, or Under 6 play. The head Coach of record will be allowed on the field of play to assist with education of the players. The home team Coach will control the stopping and starting of the game as well as the time clock. The home team will be listed first on the schedule. NOTE: All decisions made by the home coach are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee. Only referees registered with USSF may caution or send off players and/or discipline coaches or team officials.

### **Law 6 - The Assistant Referees**

No assistant referees are used in Under 4, Under 5, or Under 6 play.

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

Match is divided in four equal periods of 8 minutes each

Half-time Interval: the interval between the second and third quarters will not exceed 5 minutes.

Quarters interval: the interval between the first and second quarters, as well as the interval between the third and fourth quarters will not exceed 2 minutes.

NOTE: These intervals are strictly for the purpose of substituting players and should end as soon as substitutions are completed.

### **Law 8 - The Start and Restart of Play**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

Team which takes the kick off to start the game will take the kick-off to start the third quarter. The other team will take the kick-off to start the second and fourth quarters.

A goal may **NOT** be scored direct from the kick-off.

Opponents must be three yards from ball at kick-off

### **Law 9 - The Ball In and Out of Play**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

### **Law 10 - The Method of Scoring**

No record of scores will be kept.

If the ball crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar, but one or more of the players on the team attacking that goal are in their own defensive half of the field to play defense, the referee will restart play with a goal kick. If all the players of the attacking team are in their offensive half of the field when the ball crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar, the referee will restart play with a kick-off taken by the team defending that goal.

### **Law 11 - Offside**

There is no offside offense in this age group.

### **Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

**All free kicks will be indirect free kicks.**

**SLIDE TACKLES/ AND OR SLIDING IS PROHIBITED.**

### **Law 13 - Free Kicks**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

**All free kicks will be indirect free kicks.**

All opponents must be three yards from ball.

### **Law 14 - The Penalty Kick**

There will be NO penalty kicks.

### **Law 15 - The Throw-In**

**Replaced with a kick-in.** Kick-in is an indirect free kick from the touchline. All opponents must be three yards from ball.

### **Law 16 - The Goal Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

A goal may NOT be scored directly.

Opponents must be three yards from ball.

### **Law 17 - The Corner Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

A goal may **NOT** be scored directly.

Opponents must be three yards from ball.

#### **NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES:**

The purpose of the small sided soccer game is to teach our youth to play soccer by playing with the ball. By limiting the number of players on the field, each player has more opportunities to touch the ball. The number of touches of the ball by each player is more important than the player's technique. More opportunities to touch the ball occur when all six players are close to the ball. Playing a set position limits the player's opportunities to touch the ball.

No person other than the referee and the six players should be on the field. Substitutes, coaches, parents, and other spectators should remain at least six feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. No spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. No spectators are allowed within ten yards of the ends of the field. Coaches and substitutes should remain within ten yards of the halfway line.

Soccer is a game for the players! It is not a game for the coaches and/or the parents who need to control the youths' game. Parents and coaches who need to participate more than encouraging their players are invited to join the adult soccer leagues available in Lubbock. Encourage the players and help them to enjoy their game.

### **3.3. UNDER 7 & UNDER 8 MODIFICATIONS**

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

Dimensions:

Length: 50 yards

Width: 30 yards

Center Circle radius: 5 yards

Goal Area:

Width: 16 feet along Goal Line [3 feet outside goal]

Depth: 3 feet into field

There is NO penalty area.

Corner Arc radius: 2 feet

Goals:

Width: 10 feet between the posts

Height: 5 feet under the crossbar

Otherwise Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

#### **Law 2 - The Ball**

USSF Size 3

Otherwise Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

#### **Law 3 - The Number of Players**

Each team shall consist of four (4) players on the field.

No goalkeeper.

Minimum to start 3 and continue play.

No more than 8 players (6 is recommended and is mandated 2017/18) may be named on a roster. Roster size may be amended by LSA Board.

#### **EACH TEAM MEMBER MUST BE ALLOWED TO PLAY 50% OF EACH GAME HE/SHE ATTENDS**

Substitution: Unlimited, with the consent of the referee:

1. Prior to Throw-In only by team taking Throw-In.
2. Prior to Goal Kick by either team.
3. After a Goal scored by either team.
4. After Referee has stopped play for an injury by either team.
5. During the half-time interval.
6. After Referee has issued a caution, only for player cautioned.

#### **Law 4 - The Players' Equipment**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game plus:

Jerseys must have 4" number on back.

Home team will change jerseys if colors conflict.

NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered by the stockings.

#### **Law 5 - The Referee**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except does NOT keep or report any score of the game.

NOTE: All decisions made by a person not registered as a referee who officiates the game because a registered referee is not available are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee.

Only referees registered with USSF may caution or send off players and/or to discipline coaches or team officials.

#### **Law 6 - The Assistant Referees**

No assistant referees are used in Under 7 play.

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

Match is divided into four equal periods of 10 minutes each.

Half-time Interval: The interval between the second and third quarters will not exceed five minutes.

Quarter Intervals: The interval between the first and second quarters and the interval between the third and fourth quarters will not exceed two minutes. These intervals are strictly for the purpose of substituting players and should end as soon as substitutions are completed.

#### **Law 8 - The Start and Restart of Play**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

Team which takes the kick off to start the game will take the kick-off to start the third quarter. The other team will take the kick-off to start the second and fourth quarters. Teams will exchange ends at half-time.

A goal may NOT be scored direct from the kick-off.

Opponents must be five (5) yards from ball at kick-off.

#### **Law 9 - The Ball In and Out of Play**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

#### **Law 10 - The Method of Scoring**

No record of scores will be kept.

If the ball crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar, but one or more of the players on the team attacking that goal are in their own defensive half of the field to play defense, the referee will restart play with a goal kick. If all the players of the attacking team are in their offensive half of the field when the ball crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar, the referee will restart play with a kick-off taken by the team defending that goal.

#### **Law 11 - Offside**

There is no offside offense in this age group.

#### **Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

All free kicks will be indirect free kicks.

The referee is encouraged to explain fouls to the players.

#### **Law 13 - Free Kicks**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

**All free kicks will be indirect free kicks.**

All opponents must be five yards from ball.

#### **Law 14 - The Penalty Kick**

There will be **NO** penalty kicks.

**Law 15 - The Throw-In**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game plus:

A throw-in may be retaken once if not taken properly. The referee is encouraged to explain the proper procedure to the player.

**Law 16 - The Goal Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

A goal may NOT be scored directly.

Opponents must be five yards from ball.

The ball is in play when it is kicked directly beyond the goal area.

**Law 17 - The Corner Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

A goal may NOT be scored directly.

Opponents must be five yards from ball.

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No person other than the referee and the eight players should be on the field. Substitutes, coaches, parents, and other spectators should remain at least six feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. No spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. No spectators are allowed within ten yards of the ends of the field. Coaches and substitutes should remain within ten yards of the halfway line.

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**3.4. UNDER 9 & UNDER 10 MODIFICATIONS****Law 1 - The Field of Play**

Dimensions:

Length: 70 yards

Width: 50 yards

Center Circle radius: 8 yards

Goal Area:

Width: 19 yards along goal line [6 yards outside goal]

Depth: 6 yards into field

Penalty Area:

Width: 37 yards along goal line [14 yards outside goal]

Depth: 14 yards into field

Penalty Spot: 10 yards from goal line

Penalty Arc radius: 8 yards

Corner Arc radius: 2 feet

Goals:

Width: 7 yards between the posts

Height: 7 feet under the crossbar

## **Build Out Line**

The build out line promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting

When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punts and drop kicks are not allowed). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal. The opposing team must also move behind the build out line during a goal kick until the ball is put into play.

If a goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the punt or drop kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred

The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line.

Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the build out line. However, the goalkeeper can put the ball into play sooner but he or she does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resumes.

To support the intent of the development rule, coaches and referees should be mindful of any intentional delays being caused by opponents not retreating in a timely manner or encroaching over the build out line prior to the ball being put into play. Coaches are responsible for addressing these types of issues with their players.

Referees can manage the situation with misconduct if deemed appropriate. Referees should be flexible when enforcing the 6 second rule and counting the time of possession should only begin when all opponents have moved behind the build out line.

### **Law 2 - The Ball**

USSF Size 4

Otherwise Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

### **Law 3 - The Number of Players**

Each team shall consist of seven players on the field.

A minimum of five (5) players on a team is required to begin or continue play.

One player **shall** be designated as the goalkeeper.

Roster size may be amended with LSA Board approval.

Substitution:

Unlimited, with the consent of the referee:

1. Prior to Throw-In only by team taking Throw-In.
2. Prior to Goal Kick by either team.
3. After a Goal scored by either team.
4. After Referee has stopped play for an injury by either team.
5. During the half-time interval.
6. After Referee has issued a caution, only for player cautioned.

**Each team member must be allowed to play at least 50% of each game he attends.**

### **Law 4 - The Players' Equipment**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game plus:

Jerseys must have 4" number on back.

Home team will change jerseys if colors conflict.



NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered by the stockings.

**Law 5 - The Referee**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

NOTE: All decisions made by a person not registered as a referee who officiates the game because a registered referee is not available are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee.

**Law 6 - The Assistant Referees**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

NOTE: Club linesmen may only be used to indicate to the Referee when the ball passes over the goal lines or the touch lines, however, the Referee's decision is final.

**Law 7 - The Duration of the Match**

Match is divided into two equal periods of 25 minutes each.

Half-time Interval: will not exceed five minutes

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

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

Opponents must be eight yards from ball at kick-off.

**Law 9 - The Ball In and Out of Play**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 10 - The Method of Scoring**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 11 - Offside**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

NOTE: Only an independent neutral Referee may caution or send off any player or coach. Coaches, assistant coaches and trainers are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the Referee as are the players.

**Law 13 - Free Kicks**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

All opponents must be eight yards from ball.

**Law 14 - The Penalty Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

All players except kicker must be eight yards from ball.

**Law 15 - The Throw-In**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 16 - The Goal Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 17 - The Corner Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

Opponents must be eight yards from ball.

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No person other than the referee and the twelve players should be on the field. Substitutes, coaches, parents, and other spectators should remain at least six feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. No spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. No spectators are allowed within ten yards of the ends of the field. Coaches and substitutes should remain within ten yards of the halfway line.

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### **3.5. UNDER 11 - UNDER 12 MODIFICATIONS**

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

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

Dimensions:

Length: 70 yards

Width: 40 yards

Center Circle radius: 8 yards

Goal Area:

Width: 19 yards along goal line [6 yards outside goal]

Depth: 6 yards into field

Penalty Area:

Width: 35 yards along goal line [14 yards outside goal]

Depth: 14 yards into field

Penalty Spot: 10 yards from goal line

Penalty Arc radius: 8 yards

Corner Arc radius: 2 feet

Goals:

Width: 7 yards between the posts

Height: 7 feet under the crossbar

#### **Law 2 - The Ball**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game except:

USSF Size 4 for Under 11 and Under 12

#### **Law 3 – per NTSSA Rule 3.14.3(8)-The Number of Players**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game plus:

Each team shall consist of nine players on the field. A minimum of six players on a team is required to begin or continue play. One player shall be designated as the goalkeeper. No more than sixteen persons may be named on roster (14 is the recommendation and is mandated effective 2017/18 soccer year). Roster size may be amended with LSA Board approval.

Substitution: Unlimited, with the consent of the referee:

1. Prior to Throw-In only by team taking Throw-In.
2. Prior to Goal Kick by either team.
3. After a Goal scored by either team.
4. After Referee has stopped play for an injury by either team.
5. During the half-time interval.
6. After Referee has issued a caution, only for player cautioned.

**Each team member must be allowed to play at least 50% of each game he attends.**

**Law 4 - The Players' Equipment**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game plus:

Jerseys must have 4" number on back.

Home team will change jerseys if colors conflict.

NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered by the stockings.

**Law 5 - The Referee**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

NOTE: All decisions made by a person not registered as a referee who officiates the game because a registered referee is not available are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee.

**Law 6 - The Assistant Referees**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

NOTE: Club linesmen may only be used to indicate to the Referee when the ball passes over the goal lines or the touch lines, however, the Referee's decision is final.

**Law 7 - The Duration of the Match**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game except:

Match is divided into two equal periods of 30 minutes each.

Half-time Interval: will not exceed five minutes

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

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

Opponents must be eight yards from ball at kick-off.

**Law 9 - The Ball In and Out of Play**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 10 - The Method of Scoring**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 11 - Offside**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**NO** Heading of the ball.

NOTE: Only an independent neutral Referee may caution or send off any player or coach. Coaches, assistant coaches and trainers are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the Referee as are the players.

**Law 13 - Free Kicks**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

All Opponents must be eight yards from ball

**Law 14 - The Penalty Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

All players except kicker must be eight yards from ball.

**Law 15 - The Throw-In**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 16 - The Goal Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

**Law 17 - The Corner Kick**

Conform to IFBA Laws of the Game

All Opponents must be eight yards from ball

**NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES:**

No person other than the referee and the twenty-two players should be on the field. Substitutes, coaches, parents, and other spectators should remain at least six feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. No spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. No spectators are allowed within ten yards of the ends of the field. Coaches and substitutes should remain within ten yards of the halfway line.

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**Under 13 & Up Modifications****Law 1 - The Field of Play**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

**Law 2 - The Ball**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

Except USSF Size 5

**Law 3 - The Number of Players**

Each team shall consist of eleven players on the field. A minimum of seven players on a team is required to begin or continue play. One player shall be designated as the goalkeeper

For Under13 through Under 14 – no more than 18 persons on roster . (14 is the recommendation and is mandated effective 2017/18 soccer year)

For U15 through U19 no more than twenty two persons on roster.

Roster size may be amended with LSA Board approval.

Substitution: Unlimited, with the consent of the referee:

Prior to Throw-In only by team taking Throw-In.

2. Prior to Goal Kick by either team.
3. After a Goal scored by either team.
4. After Referee has stopped play for an injury by either team.
5. During the half-time interval.
6. After Referee has issued a caution, only for player cautioned.

**Each team member must be allowed to play at least 50% of each game he attends.**

**Law 4 - The Players' Equipment**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game plus:

Jerseys must have 4" number on back.

Home team will change jerseys if colors conflict.

Home team will be listed first on game schedule

NOTE: Shin guards are MANDATORY and must be covered by the stockings.

**Law 5 - The Referee**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

NOTE: All decisions made by a person not registered as a referee who officiates the game because a registered referee is not available are just as binding and valid as if the person were a registered referee.

**Law 6 - The Assistant Referees**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

NOTE: Club linesmen may only be used to indicate to the Referee when the ball passes over the goal lines or the touch lines, however, the Referee's decision is final.

**Law 7 - The Duration of the Match**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game except;

U14: 2 equal periods of 35 minutes each

U16: 2 equal periods of 40 minutes each

Half-time Interval: will not exceed five minutes

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

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game except:

**Law 9 - The Ball In and Out of Play**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

**Law 10 - The Method of Scoring**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

**Law 11 - Offside**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

**Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game except

NOTE: Only an independent neutral Referee may caution or send off any player or coach. Coaches, assistant coaches and trainers are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the Referee as are the players.

**Law 13 - Free Kicks**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game except:

**Law 14 - The Penalty Kick**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game except:

**Law 15 - The Throw-In**

Conform to IFAB Laws of the Game

**Law 16 - The Goal Kick**

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**Law 17 - The Corner Kick**

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## **NOTE TO PARENTS AND COACHES:**

No person other than the referee and the twenty-two players should be on the field. Substitutes, coaches, parents, and other spectators should remain at least six feet away from the touch line, and preferably in the bleachers. No spectator should run up and down the touch line during play. No spectators are allowed within ten yards of the ends of the field. Coaches and substitutes should remain within ten yards of the halfway line. Soccer is a game for the players! It is not a game for the coaches and/or the parents who need to control the youths' game. Parents and coaches who need to participate more than encouraging their players are invited to join the adult soccer leagues available in Lubbock. Encourage the players and help them to enjoy their game.

## **3.6. YOUTH COED PLAYING RULES**

### **3.6.1 Team Formation**

YOUTH COED may be played as full-sided or small-sided.

### **3.6.2 Number of Male Players**

A team shall consist of male and female players. A goalkeeper may be either male or female. A minimum of one male player is required to be on the field at all times and no more than 50% of the eligible number of players on the field at any time, excluding the goal keeper, may be male.

### **3.6.3 Method of Scoring**

**3.6.3.1 Female Scorer:** Goals scored directly by a female player will count two (2) points, (including a shootout goal).

**3.6.3.2 Male Scorer:** Goals scored directly by a male player will count one (1) point, including a shootout goal).

### **3.6.4 Fouls / Technical Violation**

Slide Tackles: Slide tackles against an opponent shall be considered dangerous play and are not permitted

### **3.6.5 Tournament Play**

A YOUTH COED team is not permitted to play in outdoor tournaments unless the tournament provides a coed division.

## **3.7 3v3 Playing Rules (not U5 or U6 seasonal play)**

IFBA RULES APPLY IF NOT MODIFIED BELOW

### **3.7.1 Number of Players**

3 is maximum number of field players. No goal keepers. With Referee's permission substitutions may be made by either team at any dead ball situation. Players must enter and leave at mid-field

### **3.7.2 Goal Area**

The goal area is directly in front of the goal. No player may touch the ball within the goal area, however any player may move through the goal area. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal area; the player is an extension of the goal area. If a defensive player touches the ball in the goal area, a goal is awarded to the offensive team. If a defender or the ball is in the goal area and contact is made, a goal is awarded. If an offensive player touches the ball within the goal area or the ball comes to a complete stop in the goal area, a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team.

### **3.7.3 Game Duration**

**3.7.3.1 Under 5 through Under 8;** two 12 minute halves separated by a 2 minute halftime period. No score kept, therefore full time must be played.

**3.7.3.2 Under 9 and Under 10;** two 12 minute halves separated by a 2 minute halftime period. If a team scores 12 goals, it is declared the winner and the game is over.

**3.7.3.3 Under 11 and up;** two 15 minute halves separated by a 2 minute halftime period. If a team scores 12 goals, it is declared the winner and the game is over.

### **3.7.4 Goal Scoring**

A goal may be scored only from a touch (either by the offense or defense) within the attacking team's offensive half of the field. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick or a penalty kick

### **3.7.5 Offside**

No offside in 3v3

### **3.7.6 Fouls/ Technical Violation**

Slide tackles shall be considered dangerous play and are not permitted

### **3.7.7 Restarts**

#### **3.7.7.1 Five Yard Rule**

In all dead ball situations, the defending players must stand at least 5 yards from the ball. If the defensive player's goal area is closer than 5 yards, the ball shall be placed 5 yards from the goal area in line with the spot of the penalty.

**3.7.7.2 Kick-ins;** The ball shall be kicked into play from the sidelines instead of a throw-in.

**3.7.7.3 Indirect Kicks;** All dead ball kicks (kick-in, free kick, kick-off) are indirect kicks. Corner and penalty kicks are direct free kicks.

**3.7.7.4 Penalty Kicks:** A penalty kick shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by the infraction. It is a direct kick taken from the middle of the half-way line with all players behind the half way line. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick. Penalty kicks are not live balls.

**3.7.8 Player Sent Off:** If the player sent off was on the field of play, the team must complete the game with only two players on the field. In the case of two players of the same team sent off, the game is terminated.