

## **Under 6 Laws**

### **Santa Fe Soccer League**

All laws shall conform To FIFA Laws of the Game unless otherwise modified below.

1. **NUMBER OF PLAYERS.** Maximum 3 players from each team on the field at a time. Teams and games may be co-ed. This 3 v 3 competition is designed to give young players the maximum number of touches on the ball.
2. **THE BALL AND EQUIPMENT.** Size three (3) ball. Shin-guards **MANDATORY**. Tennis shoes, soft-cleated or molded-rubber soccer shoes are permissible. No casts. No watches. No jewelry.
3. **DURATION OF GAME.** Each game will consist of **FOUR 8-minute quarters**. Two minute breaks between quarters and five minutes for half-time.
4. **PLAYER SUBSTITUTION.** Unlimited substitution. Wait for a break in play (ball out of bounds or goal) and alert referee. Only once referee has acknowledged substitution may you substitute the players. All players must play a minimum 50% of the playing time for each game they attend. Equal play for all is required.
5. **START AND RE-START OF GAME.** By kick-off from center of the field. Opponents must be a minimum 3 yards from ball until it is kicked. Once the ball is kicked, it must be touched by someone other than the kicker before it can be played again by the kicker. You cannot score directly from a kick-off. Team not starting the game will kick-off to start the second and fourth quarter.
6. **RE-START AFTER FOUL OR MISCONDUCT.** All free kicks taken are indirect, meaning the ball must be touched by someone other than the kicker before a goal is allowed. You cannot score directly from an indirect kick. No penalty kicks. Opponents must be a minimum of 3 yards from the ball until it is kicked. The coach or referee official should explain the infraction to the offending player before the kick is taken.
7. **RE-START AFTER BALL GOES OUT-OF-PLAY.** Restart the game from an out-of-play over the touch lines (sidelines) with a kick-in. Restart the game from an out-of-play over the goal line with a goal kick (by the defense) if the ball was last touched by the offense and a kick-in (by the offense, from the corner) if the ball was last touched by the defending team. Opponents must be a minimum of 3 yards from the ball until it is kicked. Goalkicks and kick-ins are indirect; you cannot score directly from a goal kick or kick-in.

8. **POSITIONS.** Although there can be attacking, defensive or supporting roles, the coaching of rigid positions for these young players is discouraged. Kids should be running the field and getting as many touches on the ball as possible, not playing positions.
9. **NO GOAL KEEPERS (players who can handle the ball) and NO GOAL TENDERS (players who remain positioned directly in front of the goal, regardless of where the ball is in play).** Please encourage your kids to move up field and away from the front of the goal whenever: 1) there is no imminent scoring threat, or 2) your team has taken possession of the ball, or 3) the ball is in the opponents half of the field.
10. **NO OFFSIDES.** But do not encourage or coach the kids to camp out in front of the opponents' goal unless the ball is in the immediate area.
11. **OFFICIATING.** Referees will be provided. Coaches are allowed on the field with the kids; however, all officiating and calls are to be by the referee only. All law infractions should be briefly explained to the players by the coach or referee.