

## **RULES OF PLAY**

**The rules of play of CCYSA games shall be the same as those adopted for use by the International Football Association Board (FIFA). Those rules may be found in the Laws of the Game, United States Soccer Federation. (see link on CCYSA web page)**

**The following additions and exceptions to those Laws have been adopted by CCYSA:**

### **Law 2 – The Ball**

Ball size - The U6 and U8 age divisions shall use a number three (3) ball. The U10 and U12 age divisions shall use a number four (4) ball and all other age divisions shall use a number five (5) ball.

### **Law 3 – The number of players**

The maximum number of players allowed on the field per team is as follows: Five (5) for U6 age division (no goal keeper); Five (5) for U8 age division (with a goalkeeper); Eight (8) for U10 age division; Nine (9) for U12 age division; and Eleven (11) for U14 age division.

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

Length of playing periods - Games in the U6 and U8 age division shall consist of four (4) quarters of play, each quarter being ten (10) minutes in length. Games in the U10 age division shall consist of two (2) halves of play, each half being twenty (20) minutes in length. Games in the U12 age division shall consist of two (2) halves of play, each half being twenty-two (22) minutes in length. Games in the U14 age division shall consist of two (2) halves of play, each half being twenty-five (25) minutes in length. The time between quarters shall be three (3) minutes in all divisions and the time at the half shall be five (5) minutes.

Under no circumstances may a practice, make-up game or regularly scheduled game be played prior to twelve o'clock (12:00 p.m.) on Sunday afternoon.

### **Law 11 – Offside**

There is no offside offense in the U6 and U8 divisions

### **Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct**

The slide tackle is a foul. A slide tackle is a tackle in which a player attempts to take the ball away from an opposing player by deliberately leaving his feet and sliding along the ground with one leg extended to push the ball away from the opposing player.

Under every competitive situation there exists the possibility of some un-sportsmanlike conduct by a coach, player, parent or spectator. These persons shall keep in mind that the purpose of the CCYSA is to instill in the youth of Caroline County the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Therefore, should any of these persons engage in an act of misconduct, said person(s) will be **told** to leave the playing field. **Board members and referees have the authority to make such demands.** Should such person(s) not leave the playing field when asked, said game will end. Should said person(s) be a coach, player or director of CCYSA, he/she shall be suspended for a minimum one game and their reinstatement shall be at the approval of the board. If a player is issued a red-card, the referee and coach will notify the town representative and resident of CCYSA of said red-card.

Any board member or referee will have the right to stop a game to settle any un-sportsmanship conduct.

Smoking shall be prohibited by anyone in attendance at all times anywhere near the fields.

### **Law 13 – Free Kicks**

All free kicks in the U6 and U8 divisions are direct kicks.

### **Law 14 – The Penalty Kick**

There are no penalty kicks at U6 and U8 age divisions.

### **Law 15 – The Throw-in**

The thrower will be allowed a second throw-in if the thrower infringes the procedure in the U6 and U8 divisions. If the thrower infringes the law a second time on the same attempt, the opposing team will be awarded a throw-in.

### **The Technical Area**

Each team may have one coach and only one assistant coach.

One coach from each team will be allowed on the field at the U6 and U8 divisions. The second coach must remain in the technical area in the U6 and U8 divisions. No spectators are allowed on the technical area side of the field. No coaches or spectators are allowed behind the goal lines.

The technical areas for all other divisions shall be located on the same side of the field. All coaches and substitute players must remain in the technical area during the match. The coach may enter the field for injuries when beckoned by the referee. No spectators are allowed on the technical area side of the field. No coaches or spectators are allowed behind the goal lines.

### **Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match**

**Regular Season Tie games** - In the event there is a tie at the end of regulation - the game shall be recorded as a tie.

**Tournament Tie games** - In the event there is a tie at the end of regulation - the game shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark if time allows. One round of kicks from the penalty mark using five (5) of the players from each team that were on the field at the end of regulation play. If the score continues to be tied, pairs of penalty kicks using a player from each team that was on the field at the end of regulation play will be taken until one team scores more than the other.