



U8 Rules BMYSL 2010

PLEASE READ!

The rules of soccer as stated in the FIFA handbook, with these additions, will apply.

1. **KEEP IT FUN! There is no winning or losing, just fun.**
2. Teams consist of 4 field players and 1 Goalie.
3. A match consists of (2) twenty minute halves, with a five minute half-time. In order to keep later scheduled games on time, pay attention to the clock.
4. The field consists of a minimum 30 by 50 yards and a maximum of 40 by 60 yards. A 12 foot goal is to be used. There is to be a 12 yard semi-circle centered on each goal, also to be used for goal kicks.
5. A number **3 ball** is to be used.
6. Coaches are to act as referee.
7. **Referees and coaches should emphasize safety, fairness, learning and fun. The referee should explain any infringements to the players, in a positive manner.**
8. If a score is lopsided (2 goal differential) the team with the lower score should add an extra player. Add more if needed, to even the game up.
9. **No slide tackling.**
10. No offside calls, but players may not take up permanent or semi-permanent position within the "goal area", unless there is active play in that area. Violators should be instructed by the referee to move.
11. Corner kicks are to be taken at the intersection of the arc and the goal line.
12. Goal kicks are to be taken at the top of the arc.
13. Throw-ins are to be taken; a bad throw-in gets a do over. Instruction should be given to the player, in a positive manner, on the proper way to throw-in.
14. Direct kicks will be taken. A direct kick is awarded when a player commits a foul, (i.e. something dangerous or unsportsmanlike). Indirect kicks are called when a rule is broken, such as a handball outside of the box, or arc in this case. Making such calls will help the players learn the proper way to play
15. No jewelry; earrings may be taped over.
16. All players and coaches should shake hands at the end of the match.
17. Please refer to FIFA rules of the game for more detail.
<http://www.fifa.com/en/regulations/regulation/0,1584,3,00.html>
18. **Go back and reread # 1.**

*******Remind all parents that they must learn to control their own competitive instincts and that the purpose of these games is for the kids to have fun and learn the basics of playing soccer.**