

# Wylie Youth Soccer Association Under 8 - 4 V 4 Rules

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## **LAW 1 – THE FIELD:**

### **A. Dimensions:**

The field of play will be 30 yards wide and 40 yards long.

### **B. Markings:**

- 1) Touchlines and goal lines will be marked.
- 2) Corners will be marked with flags and corner arcs.

### **C. Goals:**

- 1) The goals should be, but not limited to, 4 feet high and 6 feet wide with a net.

**LAW 2 – THE BALL:** Size 3 ball only.

## **LAW 3 – PLAYERS:**

A. A team roster will consist of a maximum of 8 players and a minimum of 6 players. If a team has less than 3 players for a game, the game will be considered a forfeit.

B. Each team will have a maximum of 4 players on the playing field at any one time (total of 8).

C. Each player must be given the opportunity to play at least 50% of the game.

D. Unlimited substitutions will be made at:

- 1) Quarters and half time.
- 2) Any stoppage of play with permission from the Official.

## **LAW 4 – PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT:**

A. Each player on a team will have the same color jersey with a different number. If the opposing team jerseys are not distinguishable, then the Home team must provide an alternate jersey. Jerseys must have sleeves.

B. Footwear must be tennis shoes or soft cleat soccer shoes.

C. Shin-guards are mandatory for all players and must be worn inside the sock.

D. All items of jewelry are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not permitted.

## **LAW 5 – REFEREE:**

A. The match will be officiated by an assigned Official or can be handled by both teams.

1) If no assigned Official, Home team parent shall officiate first 2 quarters of the game and the Visiting team shall officiate the last 2 quarters.

2) It is recommended that parents officiate the match not coaches.

B. The Official is to instruct the players on the rules of the game for each infraction or when needed.

C. The Official decides to stop the game for weather.

**LAW 6 – LINESMAN:** Not used in 4 V 4.

## **LAW 7 – DURATION OF THE GAME:**

A. The game will be divided into 4 12 minute quarters.

B. There shall be 2 minutes between each quarter and 5 minute half time.

## **LAW 8 – START OF PLAY:**

A. The Official will toss a coin and give the call to the Visiting team captain. The winner has choice of ends and the other team will kick off.

B. The game starts by a player kicking the ball from center field. The opposing team must be outside the center circle until the ball is played. The kicker may not 'two touch' the ball.

C. After a goal is scored, the opposing team kicks off in the same manner.

D. After half time, teams shall change ends and the opposite team shall kick-off.

E. After each quarter, the ball will be put into play from the spot at the end of play. If the quarter ended with the ball in play, a drop ball is used.

## **LAW 9 – BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

A. The ball is out of play:

- 1) When the ball has completely crossed the goal line or touchline.
- 2) When the game has been stopped by the Official. The Official shall always stop play when there is a risk of injury due to fallen players near the play of the ball or fallen players attempting to kick the ball.
- 3) The ball is in play at all other times.

## **LAW 10 – METHOD OF SCORING:**

A. The ball must completely cross the goal line and between the goal posts. No scoring is recorded.

**LAW 11 – OFFSIDE:** No offside in 4 V 4.

## **LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:**

A. In the opinion of the Official, fouls include hitting, tripping, holding, pushing, slide tackling and any other unsportsmanlike conduct.

B. Intentional ball handling with the hands is a foul.

C. Two touches on a kick-off, kick-in, goal kick or free kick is a foul.

D. All fouls will be explained to the offending player, and a free kick awarded to the other team.

E. No intentional heading. Intentional heading will result in a free kick.

F. No Intentional slide tackling.

## **LAW 13 – FREE KICKS:**

A. All free kicks in 4 V 4 are considered "indirect".

B. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by another player.

C. The opposing team must be at least six (6) yards from the free kick.

**LAW 14 – PENALTY KICK:** No penalty kicks.

## **LAW 15 – THROW-INS:**

A. Awarded when ball completely crosses a touchline. The opponent must be at least three (3) yards away from the ball.

## **LAW 16 – GOAL KICK:**

A. When an attacking player kicks the ball out of play across the goal line, a goal kick is awarded to the defending team.

B. The ball is placed within the goal area. The attackers must be at least six (6) yards from the ball.

## **LAW 17 – CORNER KICK:**

A. When a defending player kicks the ball out of play across the goal line, a corner kick is awarded to the attacking team. The defenders must be at least six (6) yards from the ball.

## **LAW 18 – COACHES and PARENTS:**

**A. Only the Official is allowed on the field.**

B. No one is allowed on to the field or behind the goal line unless instructed by the assigned Official.

C. Official will report all misconduct to the league.

D. Home team and their spectators shall occupy the North or West side of field.

E. Coaches are responsible for spectators.

