

Massabesic United Soccer Club

Fall 2009 Playing Rules

1st and 2nd Grade 6 v 6

All rules conform to FIFA except the following:

Law I – The Field of Play

- A. Size: Length 50 yards, width 30 yards
- B. Markings: A halfway line across the field, a center circle with a five (5) yard radius, four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius, goal area three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line
- C. Goals: Width 12 (12) feet, height six (6) feet

Law II – The Ball: Size Four (4)

Law III – The Number of Players

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is Six (6) per team.
- B. Substitutions allowed any time ball is out of play
- C. Each player shall play at least 50% of the total playing time

Law IV – The Players' Equipment

- A. Footwear shall be tennis shoes or softcleated soccer shoes
- B. Shin guards are MANDATORY Under Socks

Law V – The Referee

- A. One coach from each team shall assume role of co-referee
- B. Parent or other observer may keep time
- C. Keep game FUN, SAFE, and focused on the child
- D. Stop and restart play
- E. When play is stopped for a foul or other reason, take time to explain WHY

Law VI – The Assistant Referees: Not used

Law VII – The Duration of the Match

- A. Four ten (10) minute quarters
- B. Two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four
- C. Five (5) minute break between quarters two and three

Law VIII – The Start and Restart of Play

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards from

center mark while kick-off is in progress

Law IX – The Ball In and Out of Play

- A. Ball must completely cross line to be out of play

Law X – The Method of Scoring

- A. Ball must completely cross goal line between posts and beneath crossbar to count

Law XI – Offside: There is NO offside

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

- A. Kicking, tripping, pushing, striking or attempting to do so to an opponent shall result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team from the spot of the foul
- B. Slide tackles are considered dangerous play and will result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team
- C. Referees shall explain the foul to the offending player

Law XIII – Free Kicks

- A. All free kicks will be indirect
- B. Opponents must be five (5) yards away
- C. All free kicks will be taken outside the goal box

Law XIV – The Penalty Kick: There are NO penalty kicks

Law XV – The Throw-in

- A. Awarded when ball completely crosses Sideline
- B. Player may have more than one attempt at a proper throw-in. Max – 3attempts

Law XVI – The Goal Kick

- A. If the team attempting to score a goal is the last to touch the ball before it crosses the goal line outside the goal posts, the opposing team puts the ball back into play with a goal kick
- B. The goal kick is taken anywhere within the goal area and opposing players must be on their half of field

Law XVII – The Corner Kick

- A. If the defending team is the last to touch the ball before it crosses the goal line outside the goal posts, the attacking team puts it into play with an indirect kick from the corner arc closest to where the ball went out