

## 2010 Modified Laws for the EWZSA U-8 program

### Law I - The Field:

#### A. Dimensions:

- The field of play shall be rectangular. The playing area should be 120ft X 90ft.
- Depending on your field availability the field can be extended 10 or 15 feet. However, the field should not be less than the above format.

#### B. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines are necessary, sidelines and end-lines.
2. A halfway line can be marked out across the field or otherwise indicated.
3. Other marks are possible but not necessary for the enjoyment and development of the youngsters.
  - A. A center circle with a five yard radius
  - B. Four corner arcs with a two-foot radius
  - C. A goal area

#### C. Goals:

1. Goal Size should be 10-12 feet wide.
2. Goal mouth should be 6 yards from the center of the goal, and 6 yard out from the goal line forming a 6 yard x 12 yard box.
3. The net can be made of cones, flags or portable nets. As long as they are the same for both sides.

**Law II- The Ball:** The ball should be size 3

**Law III- Number of Players:**

- A. Number of players on the field at any time will be 12. Each team with 5 players and a goal keeper.
- B. Substitutions: During any stoppage of play.
- C. Playing time: each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. (whenever possible)
- D. Teams and games may be co-ed (depending on your league rules)

**Law IV - Players equipment:**

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes. (use common sense.)
- B. Shin-guards and socks covering the shin-guards - Mandatory

Jersey- Supplied by organization. Try to have everyone in the same uniform including socks, and shorts whenever possible

**Law V- Referee:** Since there are no referees at this age group and the players need to be in close contact with the instructional coach, each team should have a representative on the field. Each person (preferably the coach) will take half a field.

**Law VI - Linesmen:** No linesmen at this level

**Law VII- Duration of Game:**

- A. The game will consist of two 25-minute halves.
- C. There shall be a 5 minute break in between halves.

**Law VIII - The Start of play:**

- A. The start of play shall consist of the visiting team starting with the ball at center.
- B. The second half shall start with the home team starting with the ball at center.
- C. The defending team shall be 15 feet away from the center at any start from center.
- D. The ball must be played forward and can not be touched by the same player twice before another player has touched it. If this occurs the ball must be restarted.

**Law IX - Ball in and out of play:**

- Any ball played out of bounds shall be awarded to the opposite team that put it out of the field of play. A kick-in is awarded.

**Law X - Method of Scoring:**

- A. Goals will be awarded when the ball is kicked into the net, or between the goal posts (pylons, flags).
- B. No scoring may occur inside the goal area, unless it is headed in.
- C. Goals may not be scored off of restarts
- D. Goals must be scored no higher than 5 feet. (If there are no nets)

**Law XI - Off-Side:** There will be no off-sides.

**Law XII - Fouls and misconduct:** No pushing, hitting, kicking or holding an opponent and No hand balls.

- A. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents 10 feet away.
- B. The referee or parent shall explain all infractions

**Law XIII - Free Kick:**

- A. Shall be classified under one heading - INDIRECT
- B. A goal shall not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
- C. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending teams goal box.

**Law XIV - Penalty Kicks: No penalty kicks**

**Law XV - Throw-in:**

- A. Kick ins will occur when the ball is put outside of the playing area (side-lines)
- B. The ball will be placed and passed or kicked into play
- C. The same player can not touch the ball twice in a row if he/she is putting it into play.
- D. No goal can be scored on a kick in

**Law XVI- Goal Kick:**

- Goal kicks will occur when the defending team puts the ball across their end line. This will result in the goalkeeper kicking the ball from anywhere in the goal area

**Law XVII- Corner kick:**

- A corner kick will be awarded when the defending team puts the ball across their end line. This will result in a kick being taken at the corner closest to where the ball exited the playing area.

**Recommendations:**

- Both teams and parents should shake hands after the game
- No alcoholic beverages should be consumed anywhere near the playing field
- All children should have transportation home accompanied by a parent.

## Modified Laws for COMMUNITY U-10 (7v7) Small Field program

### Law I - The Field:

#### A. Dimensions:

- The field of play shall be rectangular. The playing area should be 180ft X 120ft. ( or if there are mini fields use what you have, the dimensions will be close)

#### B. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines are necessary, sidelines and end-lines.
2. A halfway line can be marked out across the field or otherwise indicated.
3. Marks that should appear on the field of play:
  - A. A center circle with a 15 foot radius
  - B. Four corner arcs with a two-foot radius
  - C. A 6 yard box for the goal crease.
  - D. A half way marker

#### C. Goals:

1. Goal Size should be 10-16 feet wide.
2. Goal mouth should be 6 yards from the center of the goal, and 6 yards out from the goal line forming a 6 yard x 12 yard box.
3. The net can be made of cones, flags or portable nets. As long as they are the same for both sides.

**Law II- The Ball:** The ball should be size 4

**Law III- Number of Players:**

- A. Number of players on the field at any time will be 14. Each team with 6 players and 1 Goal keeper.
- B. Substitutions: During any stoppage of play.
- C. Playing time: each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.  
(whenever possible)
- D. Teams and games may be co-ed (depending on your league rules)

**Law IV - Players equipment:**

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes. (use common sense.)
- B. Shin-guards and socks covering the shin-guards - Mandatory
- C. Jersey- Supplied by organization. Try to have everyone in the same uniform including socks, and shorts whenever possible

**Law V- Referee:** If you are unable to get a carded official to officiate the game, then both coaches need to agree on who is to referee the game. Each coach taking half the game usually works.

**Law VI - Linesmen:** No linesmen at this level

**Law VII- Duration of Game:**

- A. The game will consist of two 30 minute halves.
- B. There shall be a five-minute break in between halves.

**Law VIII - The Start of play:**

- A. The start of play shall consist of the visiting team starting with the ball at center.
- B. The second half shall start with the home team starting with the ball at center.

- C. The defending team shall be 15 feet away from the center at any start from center. (outside of the center circle)
- D. The ball must be played forward, and can only be touched once by the player putting it into play. Once another player touches the ball then it is fair game.

**Law IX - Ball in and out of play:**

- Any ball played out of bounds, shall be awarded to the opposite team that put it out of the field of play.

**Law X - Method of Scoring:**

- A. Goals will be awarded when the ball is kicked into the net, or between the goal posts (pylons, flags).
- B. No scoring may occur inside the goal area, unless it is headed in.
- C. Goals may not be scored off of restarts
- D. Goals must be scored no higher than 6 feet. (If there are no nets)

**Law XI - Off-Side:** There will be no off-sides.

**Law XII - Fouls and misconduct:** No pushing, hitting, kicking or holding an opponent and No hand balls.

- A. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents 15 feet away.
- B. The referee or parent shall explain all infractions

**Law XIII - Free Kick:**

- A. Shall be classified under one heading - INDIRECT
- B. A goal shall not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
- C. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending teams goal box.

#### **Law XIV – Penalty Kicks: No penalty kicks**

#### **Law XV – Throw-in:**

- A. Throw-ins will occur when the ball is put outside of the playing area (side-lines)
- B. The ball will be put into play, by the player, with both hands on the ball. The ball will be put behind the head then propelled into the field of play. Since this will be their first time throwing the ball in this manner, coaches are asked to be lenient, and help out the players so that they may develop proper techniques.
- C. The same player can not touch the ball twice in a row if he/she is putting it into play.
- D. No goal can be scored on a throw-in

#### **Law XVI-**

- *Goal Kick:* Goal kicks will occur when the defending team puts the ball across their end line. This will result in the goalkeeper kicking the ball from anywhere in the goal area

#### **Law XVII- Corner kick:**

- A corner kick will be awarded when the defending team puts the ball across their end line. This will result in a kick being taken at the corner closest to where the ball exited the playing area.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Both teams and parents should shake hands after the game
- No alcoholic beverages should be consumed anywhere near the playing field
- All children should have transportation home accompanied by a parent.