

# MCSL “Laws of The Game” Modifications

## U6 Rules, per MCSL By-Laws

- Size 3 Ball
- Coaches will referee all games
- Duration of game is four quarters of **8 minutes** in length, 5 minute halftime w/running clock *\*this can be adjusted per coaches agreement prior to game kickoff\**
- Play is 4 vs. 4 with NO Goal Keepers
- No players are allowed to stand in the goal area
- Kick-ins or Throw-ins are allowed for balls out-of-touch; One re-throw shall be allowed if needed
- Goal kicks and Corner kicks are also used as needed
- All Fouls are restarted with indirect free kick
- Opponents shall be 4 yards away on all free kicks
- No Offside; No Penalty Kicks
- **NO SLIDE TACKLING**
- **NO HEADERS**; Foul is restarted with indirect free kick
- Coaches are allowed on the field during all gameplay to ensure safety and reinforce fun and learning!

## U8 Rules, per MCSL By-Laws

- Size 3 Ball
- Referees, if available, are always in charge of the game. *In the absence of referees, games will be played as a scrimmage and coaches may be on the field of play and referee accordingly*
- Duration of game is three periods of **15 minutes** in length, 5 minute halftime w/running clock *\*this can be adjusted per coaches agreement prior to game kickoff\**
- Play is 4 vs. 4 with NO Goal Keepers
- No players are allowed to stand in the goal area
- Only Throw-ins are allowed for balls out-of-touch; One re-throw shall be allowed if needed
- Goal kicks and Corner kicks are also used as needed
- All Fouls are restarted with indirect free kick
- Opponents shall be 4 yards away on all free kicks
- No Offside; No Penalty Kicks
- **NO SLIDE TACKLING**
- **NO HEADERS**; Foul is restarted with indirect free kick

## U10 Rules, per MCSL By-Laws

- Size 4 Ball
- Playtime is two **25 minutes** halves, with a 10 minute halftime
- Play is 7 vs. 7, but can be adjusted per coaches agreement prior to kickoff
- Referees, if available, are always in charge of the game. *In the absence of referees, games will be played as a scrimmage and coaches may be on the field of play and referee accordingly*
- **NO SLIDE TACKLING**
- **NO HEADERS**; Foul is restarted with indirect free kick
- Offside infractions penalized and called by referee only
- All fouls restart per “Laws of the Game”
- Penalty kicks are allowed for this age group
- Substitutions allowed at any dead ball with referee discretion
- No re-throws allowed if foul throw occurs
- Opponents shall be 8 yards away on all free kicks or outside the penalty box on goal kicks
- Coaches must remain in the “technical area” or within 4 yards of the team bench

## U12 Rules per MCSL By-Laws

- Size 4 Ball
- Playtime is two **30 minutes** halves, with a 10 minute halftime
- Play is 9 vs. 9, but can be adjusted per coaches agreement prior to kickoff
- Referees, if available, are always in charge of the game. *In the absence of referees, games will be played as a scrimmage and coaches may be on the field of play and referee accordingly*
- Offside infractions penalized and called by referee only
- All fouls restart per “Laws of the Game”
- Penalty kicks are allowed for this age group
- Substitutions allowed at any dead ball with referee discretion
- No re-throws allowed if foul throw occurs
- Opponents shall be 8 yards away on all free kicks or outside the penalty box on goal kicks
- Coaches must remain in the “technical area” or within 4 yards of the team bench

**NOTE: All players must get EQUAL PLAYING TIME at all ages.**

**Free unlimited substitutions allowed for all ages.**

**Players always shake hands after each match.**

**Shin Pads are MANDTORY for games and practices and must be completely covered by the socks.**

**No Jewelry of any kind is permitted. No tape or bandages shall be used to cover earrings. No hard or soft casts are permitted.**

**Baseball style cleats are not permitted.**