

# **2024 EYSA SOCCER RULES**

**U4/U5**

***COACHES AND PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THESE RULES.***

EYSA follows the general guidelines provided by US Youth Soccer, except for the following modifications.

## **1. GENERAL**

- a. Referees have full authority to enforce the rules and policies of the soccer program.
- b. There are no protests in the EYSA soccer program.
- c. EYSA does not provide referees for the U4/U5 division. Coaches, parents, or spectators may be used as referees agreed upon by both coaches.
- d. All parents must complete an Emergency Medical Authorization form (EMA) for each participant in the match.
- e. Rules of play will be enforced with leniency. Blatant violations will be called, but coaches should attempt to correct all players who perform violations.
- f. Players must wear the issued EYSA jersey as the outer-most garment that is reflective of the team on which they are rostered.
- g. Coaches are required to play all players and provide the opportunity for an equal amount of playing time to the best of their ability.
- h. Rainouts will be announced on EYSA's Facebook page only.
- i. Taped jewelry is prohibited. Any jewelry that cannot be removed must be taped.
- j. The length of the match shall be four 10-minute running quarters with a 4-minute halftime. There will be 2-minutes between quarters.
- k. There is a 10-minute grace period for teams to field a team.
- l. Scores, wins, loses, and ties will not be kept.
- m. Coaches are permitted to coach on the field during matches.
- n. Goalies will not be used.

## **2. RULES**

- a. No red/yellow cards.
- b. No offside.
- c. No slide tackles.
- d. No headers.
- e. No drop kicks.
- f. No penalty kicks.

## **3. ROSTERS**

- a. All players must be registered with EYSA to participate. Teams found playing unregistered players will forfeit the match.
- b. Teams must consist of a minimum of 4 players on game day. If a team is unable to field 4 players within the 10-minute grace period, that team will forfeit the match.

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- i. Teams will play 7v7 if both teams have 8 or more players.
- ii. Teams will play 6v6 if the smaller team has 7 players.
- iii. Teams will play 5v5 if the smaller team has 6 players.
- iv. Teams will play 4v4 if the smaller team has 4 or 5 players.
- c. Substitutions may be made at any game stoppage without limitation.

## **4. EQUIPMENT**

- a. Size 3 soccer balls will be used.
- b. Metal cleats are prohibited.
- c. Shin guards are required.
- d. Socks must be worn over the shin guards and must cover the entire shin guard.
- e. Popup goals will be used.
- f. Toe spikes on cleats are prohibited.

## **5. FIELD OF PLAY**

- a. Field dimensions are approximately 15 yards wide by 25 yards long for Micros.
- b. Field dimensions are approximately 25 yards wide by 35 yards long for PeeWee.
- c. Field dimensions may be modified accordingly to accommodate smaller or larger teams.