

# **2024 EYSA SOCCER RULES**

**U6/U7**

***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 may provide referees for the 6U/U7 divisions. If referees are not provided, a coach, parent, or spectator may be used as a referee 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 their 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. Removable 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 2 minutes between quarters and a 4-minute half.
- k. There is a 10-minute grace period for teams to meet the agreed-upon roster size. If a team fails to field a team within the allotted grace period, the team will forfeit.
- l. Scores, wins, loses, and ties will not be kept.
- m. Defensive players must maintain a 6' distance from goal kicks, and throw-ins.
- n. Coaches are permitted to coach on the field during matches.

## **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. GAMEPLAY**

- a. No goalies will be used.

## **4. ROSTERS**

- a. All players must be registered with EYSA to participate. Teams found playing unregistered players will forfeit the match.

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- 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.
  - i. Teams will play 9v9 if both teams have 10 or more players.
  - ii. Teams will play 8v8 if the smallest team has 9 players.
  - iii. Teams will play 7v7 if the smaller team has 8 players.
  - iv. Teams will play 6v6 if the smaller team has 7 players.
  - v. Teams will play 5v5 if the smaller team has 6 players.
  - vi. Teams will play 4v4 if the smaller team has 4 or 5 players.
- c. Substitutions may be made at any match stoppage without limitation. Substitutions must be made quickly.

## **5. 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. 6'x4' goals will be used. Goal size is subject to change based on availability.
- f. Toe spikes on cleats are prohibited.

## **6. FIELD OF PLAY**

- a. There is no penalty or goal box area.
- b. Field dimensions will be modified accordingly to accommodate smaller or larger teams.