

# EYSA 6 vs. 6 Rules (U-16 and U-18 Divisions)

**\*\*These rules are to be used in cooperation with FIFA rules of the game. Any rules not covered in this rule set will refer to FIFA laws of the game\*\***

## *LAW 1- FIELD OF PLAY*

- To be rectangular in shape. The length of the field shall be greater than the width.
- Width: 50 yards (150 feet) however can be a maximum of 55 yards (165 feet) and a minimum of 45 yards (135 feet). The field will be divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center circle will be an 8 yard radius.
- Length: 60 yards (180 feet) however the field can be a maximum of 70 yards (210 feet) and a minimum of 50 yards (150 feet).
- The Goal Area: The goal area shall consist of 2 rectangular boxes centered on the goal. The larger rectangular box shall be marked out 14 yards from the outside of the goal and 14 yards out into the field. Within the goal area a smaller box of 6 yards (18 feet) should be drawn.
- Penalty Kick Mark: An approximate 8 inch diameter circle shall be marked 10 yards (30 feet) from the goal line and centered on the goal.
- Flag post: PER FIFA STANDARDS
- Corner Arc: PER FIFA STANDARDS
- Goals: 8 X 21 feet or 8 X 24 feet

## *LAW 2- THE SOCCER BALL*

- The soccer ball will be a size #5

## *LAW 3- NUMBER OF PLAYERS, SUBSTITUTIONS, AND ROSTERS*

- Each team will play with 5 field players plus one goalkeeper, 6 vs. 6.
- Teams must have 5 players to begin the match, teams without 5 players will be given a 10 minute period by the referee to have 5 players, if players do not arrive during this period the referee will declare the game a forfeit.
- Maximum roster size will be 11 players.
- Substitutions: PER FIFA STANDARDS
- All players must be on the roster to participate in EYSA league games.
- **TEAMS WILL NOT EXCEED 2 Division 2 players on their rosters and all Division 1 players are ineligible.**

## *LAW 4- PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT*

- **SHINGUARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PLAYERS**
- Metal cleats are prohibited
- **All teams must be in a proper uniform- teams will not be allowed to play without a jersey of the same color and a different number on the back for each player.** Socks and shorts will be taken into

consideration and the referee will make sure that we do not have contrasting jerseys. Contrasting jerseys the home team will change their jersey or use some type of “penny” provided.

- Goalkeepers must wear a different color shirt/jersey from their team and the opposing team.

#### ***LAW 5- THE REFEREE***

- The referee will be in charge of any soccer decisions made during the match. All decisions made by the referee during the game are final.
- Any rule discrepancies should be brought up the EYSA Director of Coaching.

#### ***LAW 6- DURATION OF THE MATCH***

- Each game will be 70 minutes divided into two equal halves of 35 minutes. There will be a 10-minute half time at the end of the first half.
- ***THERE WILL BE “NO” OVERTIME DURING THE REGULAR SEASON. PLEASE SEE EYSA TOURNAMENT RULES FOR OVERTIME PROCEDURES.***

#### ***LAW 7- START OF PLAY***

- PER FIFA STANDARDS

#### ***LAW 8- BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY***

- PER FIFA STANDARDS

#### ***LAW 9- SCORING***

- **TEAMS WILL NOT SCORE DIRECTLY FROM ANY KICK-OFF.**
- All other scoring methods will align PER FIFA STANDARDS

#### ***LAW 10- OFFSIDE***

- ***THERE IS OFFSIDE IN 6 vs. 6 and the offside rule will align PER FIFA STANDARDS.***

#### ***LAW 11- FOULS AND MISCONDUCT***

- PER FIFA STANDARDS
- Red Cards: First red card a player will be suspended for the following match, Second red card a player will be suspended for 3 matches, Third red card a player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- Players involved in any type of fight will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

#### ***LAW 12- FREE KICKS***

- PER FIFA STANDARDS
- Players will be 10 yards away from the ball on all free kicks.

#### ***LAW 13- PENALTY KICKS***

- PER FIFA STANDARDS

#### ***LAW 14- THROW-IN***

- PER FIFA STANDARDS

#### ***LAW 15- GOAL KICKS***

- PER FIFA STANDARDS

#### ***LAW 16- CORNER KICKS***

- PER FIFA STANDARDS

#### ***TOURNAMENT OVERTIME:***

Overtime is only used in the EYSA tournament. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, KICKS FROM THE MARK (penalty kicks) will be used. A coin toss will be held to determine the order of which team kicks first (home team call this coin toss). This order is maintained throughout the round of kicks, kicks will alternate (Example: Blue team kicks one, and then red team kicks one). The first round will be the best out of 5 kicks. The referee will determine which goal to use during the kicks from the mark. Goalkeeper is eligible to kick and the goalkeeper can be changed with a field player at the end of regulation. \*\*Only players on the field at the end of regulation can be included in the first 5 kickers. If it is still tied at the end of the first round, a second round of 5 kicks will be used. \*\*\*If a team only has 8 players at the game, the second round will be a round of 3 kicks, three will be the minimum number of kicks taken. If a team only has 7 players, then the two players that have not kicked plus 1 from the first round will be used to make up the 3 kickers for the round. The opposing team will only be required to use 2 kickers who have not kicked and will be able to use one kicker from the previous round. Teams having 5 substitutes will take place in a round of 5 kicks. If the match is tied after the second round, the third round everyone is available again- Sudden death will be used. If a player makes and then the opposing team misses the game will be over. Players will not kick twice until all players have shot- the team with the fewer number of players will determine how many players shoot before the cycle is started over.

#### ***ADDITIONAL EYSA RULES AND REGULATIONS***

- Players and coaches will be located on the opposite side of the field from the spectators during games. It is the responsibility of the coach to make sure all their parents and spectators stay on the opposite side. If another teams parent has come to the coaches/players side please contact the referee and they will ask the parents to move.
- No coaches, players, or parents will be located behind the goal.
- THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCHOHOL TO TAKE PLACE ON OR NEAR THE FIELD AREA.
- Gadsden State is state property- there are absolutely no firearms permitted at the EYSA soccer fields.
- There is no such thing as a mercy rule in recreational soccer. The game will be played in its entirety. Coaches are expected to show sportsmanship and not try to run up scores during our matches, coaches who do not follow these rules will be subject to suspension from the EYSA board. Please contact the Director of Coaching for guidelines on how not to run up scores.

