

# Peninsula Youth Soccer League

## Youth Soccer Program Rules 8-9 Year Old

### **Law #1 Field Dimensions (Recommended)**

Width 30 yards minimum – 50 yards maximum. Length is 40 yards minimum – 75 yards maximum.

### **Law #2 – The Ball**

Ball size is #4

### **Law #3- Number of players**

The number of players on the field is 9.

### **Law #4- Players Equipment**

Team jersey, shorts, socks, and proper footwear is needed.

Shin guards are required for league play and practice. A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to himself or others. (i.e. bracelets, watches, rings or earrings). Cleats must be soccer or all purpose (no metal spikes, baseball cleats or cleats with a toe cleat).

All players registered for the program receive a uniform. Players without a uniform will not be allowed to participate.

### **Law #5- Referee**

The referee shall be encouraged to explain an infraction to the offending player without undue delay of the game or showing favoritism to either team. Referee should address both teams and not an individual while doing so.

If a player is injured, the referee may stop play to ensure the welfare of the player even if the ball has not gone out of play. Play will not automatically stop if a player is injured. The referee may continue play to give the player a chance to continue or if they are out of danger.

### **Law #6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee**

Assist lead referee on ball out of play and follow any instructions given by referee. If a single referee

### **Law #7-Game Duration and Substitution**

The game is to be divided into 2 20-minute halves. All players present at the beginning of the game are expected to play at least half of the game. Free substitution is allowed. Substitutes will be sent to the mid field line and will stand out of bounds until the referee calls them onto the field. Substitutes will call out their replacements as they enter the field. Substitution may also be made in the case of injury with the consent of the referee.

### **Law #8- Start of the Game**

Opponent must be outside the center circle when the kickoff is being taken. The ball is not in play until it travels its own circumference and cannot be touched by the kicker a second time until touched by another player.

### **Law #9- Out of play**

The ball is out of play when it has entirely crossed the goal or touch lines. When restarting the game after a goal, all players must be in their defensive half of the field.

### **Law #10- Method of scoring**

The whole of the ball must cross the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar. The ball cannot be thrown, carried or intentionally propelled by hand, arm or head over the goal line.

### **Law #11- No Heading the ball**

Intentional use of a player's head to direct a ball is not allowed. Result of intentional use of head will be an indirect free kick for the opposing team.

### **Law #12 Off-sides (begins 9/28)**

Off-sides will be strictly enforced as of September 28. Off-sides may be called

### **Law #13- Free Kicks**

All kicks are indirect. This means that a goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player for either team.

### **Law #14 – Penalty Kick**

No penalty kicks

### **Law #15- Throw-ins (begins 9/28)**

When a ball is kicked out over the sidelines then a throw-in is required. A throw-in is legal when the ball is thrown in with two hands over the players head keeping both feet on the ground.

### **Law #16- Goal kick**

The kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area. Does not have to leave penalty box on first touch. Opposing players must move back behind the build-up line (between the penalty box and mid field line). Ball may be put in play at any time.

### **Law # 17- Corner-kick**

The kick may be taken from any spot inside the corner arcs. Opponents must be at least six yards away from the ball.

### **Law #18 – Goalies**

No punting. Goalies may throw or kick from the ground. Balls placed on the ground are considered live.

### **1. Sportsmanship**

All coaches, players and spectators will conduct themselves in a good sportsman-like manner before, during and after all games.