

Horsethief Canyon Soccer Association 2008 Under 12 Playing Rules

The following rules are based on USYSA guidelines. Rules shall be as listed in FIFA's Laws of the Game unless otherwise specified below. FIFA Laws of the Game can be found at www.fifa.com

Law II – The Ball: Size four (4).

Law III – Number of Players.

- A. Substitutions: Shall be done on the quarter or as needed because of injury with the permission of the referee. There is no free substitution.
- B. Playing Time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 75% of the total playing time, unless an exception is granted by the Board of Directors.

Law IV – Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shinguards are MANDATORY.
- C. No Jewelry can be worn, including any piercings (new or old). Using band aids or tape to cover piercings is not an acceptable option. The only exception to the no jewelry rule is a medical alert bracelet, which will need to be covered by tape or a wrist band.
- D. Any hair pieces must be of a soft material. Any hair product with a metal exterior is not an acceptable option.

Law V – The Referee – Registered referee/new referee program.

Law VI – Assistant Referee – Two (2) assistant referees can be used. May use club linesmen if assistants are not available.

Law VII – Duration of the game.

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2), thirty (30) minute halves.
- B. There shall be a maximum two (2) minute substitution break near the middle of each half.
- C. Players not being substituted are not allowed to leave the field. This break is for substitutions and the referee MAY restart the game as soon as the substitutions are completed. Coaches are not to willingly delay on the break.
- D. There shall be a half-time break of a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes.
- E. The clock will be a running clock, and will not be stopped except for injury at the discretion of the center referee.

F. The Center referee may add stoppage time to a half.

Law XI – Offside – Conform to FIFA.