

Rules of Play for Winter Outdoor Games

All league matches will be played in accordance with the current "Laws of the Game" approved by (FIFA) with modifications for youth games as well as United States Youth Soccer Official Rule Book for Small-sided games.

NOTE: Both teams are responsible for informing the referee(s) of all modifications of FIFA laws of the game. (For example, no punting is allowed and there is offsides for all divisions)

Showing Cards to Coaches

Referees must show yellow and red cards to coaches, assistant coaches, or team officials for infractions that might merit a yellow (caution) or red (ejection).

Minimum Number of Players

Number of Players to Start the Game

U09 - U12 Play (8 v 8) 6 players

U13 - U19 Play (8 v 8) 7 players

Game Ball Size

U09 - U12 Number 4 ball

U13 - U19 Number 5 ball

Length of Games

09U – 12U 30-minute halves 1 referee

13U – 18/U 35-minute halves 1 referee

Checking Official MSF Roster

Each team must have a current Official MSF Roster prior to the start of every match at the field, and until the successful completion of the match. (MSF Staff has a copy everyone's roster)

Substitution

Substitutions may be made from midfield with the CONSENT OF THE REFEREE at the following times and is unlimited. Players leaving the game should come off the field prior to new players entering the field.

- Prior to a throw-in in your favor

The opposing team may substitute as well if the team in favor is making substitutions

- Prior to a goal kick, by either team

- After a goal, by either team

- After an injury, by either team when the referee stops play, one for one.

- At half time

- When a player receives a yellow card (a caution), the coach may substitute for that player only; the other team may not substitute

Team Side

Both teams in all age groups are required to take the same side of the field. The Home team's coach is responsible for choosing the side of the field the teams will occupy.

Members of each team will remain on opposite sides of the centerline. Coaches are to remain within 20 yards of the center line. Other team officials and players are to remain between the center line and the 18 yard line. All are to be at least 3 yards behind the touchline.

Coach Responsibilities

During the match, each coach is responsible for the behavior of his team and any adults on his sideline.

Spectator Area

All spectators must take the side of the field opposite the teams if possible. If an entire field is being used, spectators must stand 3 yards back from the field lines/boundaries, away from the team benches, and in areas not behind any goal.