

## TOWN SELECT LEAGUE RULES OF COMPETITION

13U/14U FIFA Laws of the Game will apply with the following modifications:

1. Play will be 11V11 using a size 5 ball
2. Match officials are responsible for checking player equipment and uniforms prior to each match. TSL players and coaches do not use id card passes. TSL Coaches must have in possession a valid Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Adult credentials.
3. No jewelry. Religious necklaces and medic alert bracelets/necklaces shall be permitted but must be taped securely to the body. Casts or hard splints need to be wrapped so they are safe for other players and shall be allowed with the referee's approval. Hair retention must be soft. The decision of the referee with regard to equipment and safety shall be final.
4. Guest players are allowed and must be registered with their town organization. A guest player form must be filled out and signed by the coach and submitted to the referee with the game card/roster.
5. Substitutions- With permission of the referee, substitutes at the halfway line may be allowed on any stoppage in play.throw-ins; on goal kicks; prior to kick offs. Substitutions shall be unlimited and players being substituted must leave the field return to the team side at the halfway line on the team side.

**INJURY SUBSTITUTIONS** - If the referee calls a coach onto the field, the injured player, including goalkeeper, must be substituted. The Referee may require a substitution (even if a coach does not enter the field) when it is necessary in the referee's opinion. If the opposing team has a substitute or substitutes ready at midfield, the referee may allow a "one-for-one" substitution reflecting the number of injured players.

6. Matches will consist of 2-35 minute halves.
7. Kick off: There will be no coin toss. Home team will start with the ball. The away team will start the second half with the ball.
8. The ball is in play during a Goal Kick as soon as it is touched and can be played inside the penalty area. The opposition players are not allowed in the area until the ball is played.
9. Free Kicks: This law change prohibits attacking players from being in the wall. Specifically, when there is a wall of three or more players, attackers are not allowed within one yard of it. Any attacking player found to be less than one yard from the wall when a free kick is taken may be cautioned and the other team will be awarded with an indirect free kick.
10. Drop Ball: If play is stopped inside the penalty area the ball will simply be dropped for the goalkeeper. If play is stopped outside the penalty area the ball will be dropped for a player from the team that last touched the ball. In all cases, players will have to be at least four and a half yards away.
11. Penalty Kicks: Goalkeeper must have at least one foot on the goal line.
12. Ties at the end of regulation will stand.

13. Players receiving a red card in a match shall leave the field of play immediately without substitution. A carded player may remain in the team technical area if wearing a pinnie or other non-uniform clothing and may not return to the match. Such players shall be suspended for a minimum of one match, such suspension to be served at the next scheduled match that is played to completion.

14. Coaches and assistant coaches who are dismissed from a match must leave the immediate field area and serve a minimum one game suspension to be served at the next scheduled match that is played. Coaches and assistant coaches are responsible for the behavior of all team members to include spectators including adherence to the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Zero Tolerance Policy and Coaches Code of Conduct.

15. Only rostered players and credentialed coaches shall be permitted on the team side, and shall remain in their respective technical areas whether marked or designated by the referee. Spectators shall occupy the opposite side from the teams, and shall not be on the team side nor behind goals.

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