

SCYSA SPRING LEAGUE

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME

Spring League is for seven v seven play on a small pitch, and some changes in the Laws and other standards are necessary. It is important to observe the following.

Law 7: The Duration of the Match:

- U8 Two periods of 25 minutes each. This may be reduced at the discretion of the coaches.
- U11 Two periods of 30 minutes each. This may be reduced by the referee on the advice of the coaches.
- U14 Two periods of 35 minutes each. This may be reduced by the referee on the advice of the coaches.
- U18 Two periods of 40 minutes each. This may be reduced by the referee on the advice of the coaches.

U8

Player count on the pitch and match duration are at the discretion of the coaches. Generally, the Laws as they apply to U8 during the regular season are to be observed. These games are refereed by the coaches.

U11 ONLY

Because of the size of the pitch teams may play eight v eight at the mutual discretion of the coaches.

Fouls by the defending team within the box must be punished by an indirect free kick at a point on the 12-yard line opposite where the infraction occurred.

U14, U18 ONLY

Goalkeepers may punt or drop-kick the ball, but it must be touched before crossing the centre line. Any violation of this must be punished with an indirect free kick to the non-offending team at the point where the ball crossed the centre line.

To clarify: a drop-kick is one where the ball bounces on the ground once before being kicked. A punt is when the ball is kicked before it reaches the ground.

U8, U11, U14, U18

Law 3 Players. Substitution may be made at any time during the match, except that goalkeepers may be substituted only during a stoppage in play. Except during a stoppage in play, a substitute may enter the pitch only when the substituted player has left and must enter the pitch at the location where the substituted player leaves it. From a practical perspective, a substituted player with a foot over the line should be considered to have left the pitch. Best practice is to have players high-five on the touchline at or near the centre line.

All games are co-ed. Teams should generally maintain a gender ratio on the field that matches the team composition for the match.

Law 11 Offside does not apply.