

# **OCEAN COUNTY LEAGUE RULES**

## **U-8,9,10**

### **FIFA rules will be followed with the following modifications.**

#### **1. Field**

- a. Dimensions- Length 70/80 FIFA rules will be followed with the following modifications adopted by USYSA/NJSYSA/OCL for play yards X 40/50 Yards 70X50 yards is recommended.
- b. Markings- All fields will be properly lined.
- c. Goals- 7'X21'.

#### **2. Ball**

- a. Size 4 ball will be used.

#### **3. Number of players**

- a. Maximum players on the field at one time is eight (8) Minimum number of players to start a game is five (5)
- b. Recommended roster size fourteen (14), however there is no limit
- c. Substitutions may be made during any stoppage of play such as throw-ins, goal kicks, corner kicks, fouls, handballs, injuries, after a goal and half time.
- d. Every player will play at least one half (1/2) of each game.
- e. Mixed age must play up unless granted permission by the OCL.
- f. Carded players are not permitted to play on an OCL team.
- g. Players must be roistered to only one team
- h. There is a maximum of a 6 goal differential allowed at the end of each game . At any point in the game, the coaches from each team can agree to allow the losing team to add/remove player(s) from the field. The most important rule here is to make the game competitive and fair for both sides.

#### **4. Equipment**

- a. Shin guards must be worn by all players no exceptions!

#### **5. Referee**

- a. Referees are assigned and compensated by the Home Team.
- b. Each club should make every effort to use only certified referees.(USSF )
- c. Abuse by coaches, spectators, parents, or players will not be tolerated, and should be reported to the club representative and league coordinator immediately.
- d. Referees should briefly explain calls to all players.
- e. Questions pertaining to any rule should be asked to referee prior to the start of any game.

#### **6. Duration of Game**

- a. Teams will play two equal halves of 25 minutes with a 5minute break at half

#### **7. Kicks**

- a. For the taking of all kicks the opposing team must be at least eight (8) yards away before the kick is taken.

#### **8. Fouls and Misconduct**

- a. No slide tackling is allowed! The opposing team will be rewarded an indirect kick for a violation of this rule.
- b. Cautions may be issued by the referee, and players repeatedly fouling may be removed from the game at the referee's discretion.
- c. A defensive foul, that is committed inside the 18yd box, will result in a penalty kick for the attacking team.

#### **9. Spectators/Coaches**

- a. As of September 1996 all coaches must have obtained an F-license
- b. No coaches or spectators are allowed behind the goal area and must stay on their side of the fields near mid field.
- c. Teams and parents must be situated on the same side of the field
- d. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their team's players, parents and assistant coaches. Abuse toward players or referees will not be tolerated.

#### **10. Scheduling**

- a. All games will be played as scheduled, if a postponement is necessary both coaches must inform their club rep by the Tuesday before. Only the Home representative can call Cancellations/Rainouts. Coaches will notify the opposing coach at least 1 hour prior to the game time. All postponed games must be made up as soon as possible.

#### **11. FIFA RULES**

- a. If a player is bleeding on the field, play will be stopped immediately regardless of advantage!