

Official Under 15 and under 19 Playing Guidelines

Black Swamp Soccer League/US Youth Soccer modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Effective beginning Spring 2011 Season

Roster Size: Minimum 11 – Maximum 18

Law 1 – The Field of Play

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Length: minimum 100 yards maximum 130 yards

Width: minimum 50 yards maximum 100 yards

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of ten (10) yards is marked around it.

The Goal area: Conform to FIFA.

The Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, twenty two (22) yards from the center of each goal. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of eighteen (18) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made ten (12) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of ten (10) yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.

Flagposts: Conform to FIFA.

The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA.

Goals: Conform to FIFA.

Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size five (5).

Law 3 – The Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom is the goalkeeper.

Substitutions: Conform to FIFA except that substitutions are unlimited Subs must wait at substitution area until players exit the field

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

Law 4 – The Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Law 5 – The Referee: Registered referee.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referee: Registered referee.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match: Conform to FIFA. With the exception of the match being divided into two (2) halves of thirty-five (35) minutes each for U15, and forty (40) minutes each for U19. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 – Offside: Conform to FIFA.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 15 – The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA.