



Weyburn Soccer Association

Laws of the Game
Outdoor Spring Soccer

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Introduction

The following set of rules shall be used to clarify rules set forth and maintained by FIFA.

The Weyburn Soccer Association (WSA) has adopted a modified set of FIFA regulations to better account for our local environment within the Weyburn house league.

All rules outlined in this document can be assumed to be clarifications of FIFA rules with exception to those ^{WSA.} marked with a superscripted

In the event that divisions are combined for training and or games play, the rules of the advanced division shall apply.

Where a rule is not defined or there is a conflict, FIFA RULES WILL SUPERCEDE.

LAW 1 – The Field of Play

U5

-WSA Super Mini - 23m x 16m

U7

-WSA Mini - 20m x 30m

U9

-1/4 Pitch - 40m x 25m

U11

-1/2 Pitch - 36m x 55m

U13/15/17

-Full FIFA Pitch – 64m x 90m

LAW 2 – The Ball

U5/U7 – Size 3

U9/11 – Size 4

U13+ – Size 5

LAW 3 – Number of Players

Standard Play Configuration

U5 – 3v3, 8 player max

U7 – 4v4, 8 player max

U9 – 7v7, 14 player max

U13 – 11v11, 20 player max

U15/17+ – 11v11, 20 player max

Missing Players

In the event that a team does not have the minimum number of players, both teams should agree to trade extra players from the team with the largest number available.

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Substitutions

U5/U7 – at scheduled intervals (See Law 7)

U9/11– “on the fly” at the half field mark along the touch line. Limit two players at a time.

U13 – “on the fly” at the half field mark along the touch line. Limit two players at a time.

U15/17 – “on the fly” at the half field mark along the touch line. Limit two players at a time.

LAW 4 – Players Equipment

All players must provide proof of age on the first night of soccer, before being allowed on the field. All discrepancies to be dealt with by the board before proceeding.

All players must have the following equipment before being allowed to play:

- 1) appropriate, close-toed shoes (no sandals, flip-flops, rubber boots, etc)
- 2) shin guards

Players are encouraged to also bring the following:

- 1) water bottle – stay hydrated at all times!!
- 2) Team jersey – support our sponsors!!
- 3) Jacket, mitts, ear covers – it can get cold some nights

LAW 5 – The Referee

There will be no referees for the first week of soccer.

Referees will be provided by the WSA referee mentorship program. The following is a list of referee designations:

U5

U7 – Junior Referees

U9 Boys – Youth Referee/ Junior Referee (Junior Refs must be partnered with a Youth Ref)

U9 Girls – Youth Referee

U11 Boys – Youth Referee

U11 Girls – Youth Referee

U13 Boys – District Referee / Youth Referee

U13 Girls – District Referee / Youth Referee

LAW 6 – The Assistant Referee

If numbers allow it, assistant referees can be supplied by the appropriate rep teams.

LAW 7 – The Duration of the Match

Game Nights

Girls – Wednesday

Boys – Thursday

Game Durations

U5 – 6:30p-7:15p (1/2hr skills, 15min game), 3min shifts

U7 – 6:30p-7:30p 2 – 20 min halves – 5 minutes half time, 3 min shifts

U9 – 6:30p-8:00p 2 – 25 min halves – 5 minutes half time

U11 – 6:30p-8:00p 2- 30 minutes halves – 5 minutes half time

U13 – 6:30p-8:00p (coaches' discretion)

U15/17– 6:30p-8:00p (coaches' discretion)

LAW 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

U5/U7

- first to arrive at the field of play, chooses sides
- rock/paper/scissors to decide who starts with the ball
- games will start from center
- new shifts will restart from center

U9/11

- first to arrive at the field of play, chooses sides
- rock/paper/scissors to decide who starts with the ball
- games will start from center
- new shifts will restart where left off

U13+

- format at coaches discretion

LAW 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

U5/7

- ball in to alternated between teams
- side outs to be kicked in, not thrown. Players to allow 3m space.
- goal line outs via corner kick. Players to stay outside 3m arc.

U9

- ball in determined by loss of possession
- side outs to be thrown in, players to allow 6m space.
- corner Kicks
- goal kicks, players to stay outside 6m arc.

U11/13+

- FIFA rules apply

LAW 10 – The Method of Scoring

No score is kept.

LAW 11 – Offside

Offsides will start to be introduced at U11. The referee is to keep the last player in line with the last defender. No “cherry picking”.

Offsides will be determined according to FIFA rules for U13/15/17

LAW 12 – Fouls and Misconducts

1st Offense

Player(s) will be advised that the behavior is inappropriate and if it continues, they will have to sit off.

2nd Offense

Player(s) will be asked to sit off and an incident report will be completed and filed by the Division Head.

3rd Offense

The incidents will be reviewed by the WSA Board and disciplinary measures taken.

Players that are also members of a representative team may have their status revoked, and removed from the team.

LAW 13 – Free Kicks

U5/U7

-there will be no free kicks as there are no fouls

U9

-for the first month, verbal warnings will replace infractions. There will be no slide tackling nor high kicking

U11

-hand balls will apply
-no slide tackling nor high kicking

U13+

FIFA rules apply

LAW 14 – The Penalty Kick

U5/U7

-penalty kicks do not apply

U9/11

-the penalty mark will be at the top of the penalty box.

U13+

-FIFA rules apply

LAW 15 – The Throw-In

U5

-players shall use a free kick-in rather than a throw-in
-kick-ins to be alternated between teams

U7

-players shall use a kick-in rather than a throw-in
-ball outs will constitute a loss of possession

U9/11

-In week 1 and 2, players will be given a second chance. In week 3 there will be a loss of possession.

U13+

-FIFA rules apply

LAW 16 – The Goal Kick

U5/U7

-coaches shall use alternating corner kicks from each team rather than goal kicks

U9/11

-due to the limited size of the field, players shall roll or throw the ball rather than kick it

U13+

-FIFA rules apply

LAW 17 – The Corner Kick

U5/U7

-ball shall be placed directly on the corner

-players shall remain 3m from the ball until it is in play

U9

-ball shall be placed directly on the corner

- players shall remain 6m from the ball until it is in play

U11+

-FIFA rules apply