

Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Assn.
Basic rule variations (2016)
by Age Group

	<u>U-6/7</u>	<u>U-08</u>	<u>U-09</u>	<u>U-10</u>	<u>U-11</u>	<u>U-12</u>	<u>U-13/14</u>	<u>U-15/16</u>	<u>U-17/18</u>
Match Duration	4 x 8 Min./ 4 x 10 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 30 Min.	2 x 30 Min.	2 x 35 Min.	2 x 40 Min.	2 x 45 Min.
Ball Size	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total # of Field Players (see note 4)	3 (no minimum enforced)	4 (no minimum enforced)	6 (no minimum enforced)	6 (no minimum enforced)	9 (must have at least 7 to play)	9 (must have at least 7 to play)	11 (must have at least 7 to play)	11 (must have at least 7 to play)	11 (must have at least 7 to play)
Incorrect throw-in	Retake (see note 1)	Retake (see note 1)	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA
Free Kicks	IFK only (see note 3)	IFK only (see note 3)	IFK only (see note 3)	IFK only (see note 3)	Per FIFA (PK @ 10yds)	Per FIFA (PK @ 10yds)	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA
Build-out line used (see note 6)	Yes (uses half line)	Yes (uses half line)	Yes (uses half line)	Yes (uses half line)	No	No	No	No	No
Goalkeeper Punting (see note 5)	N/A	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Offside enforced	No	No	Yes (see note 2)	Yes (see note 2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slide Tackle	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed

Note 1: In addition to allowing the player to retake the throw, please instruct player as to their mistake. At U-08 and below, allow 1 retake. Play on after that, even if still incorrect. We don't want half of the match taken up with throw-ins. Since incorrect throw-ins do not result in a change of possession at this level, it is acceptable for a coach and/or referee to give instructions/reminders to players prior to the throw if it will help teach the player and keep the game flowing.

Note 2: Offside will be enforced for U-9 and U-10. However, coaches and parents are expected to understand that it is normally the job of Assistant Referees to watch for this. We do not assign Assistant Referees to these matches. Therefore, it is possible that a referee may not be in position to see a "close" offside call. The referee will use their best judgment and their decisions will be final. Coaches and parents will **NOT** argue offside calls (or lack of). For those coaches who may be more familiar with soccer "tactics"; you are not to be trying to coach "offside trap" at these levels.

Note 3: No free kicks for the attacking team will be taken within the penalty area (no penalty kicks). If an offense occurs within the penalty area that results in a free kick for the attacking team, the ball will be placed at the nearest point immediately outside of the penalty area. The IFK will be taken from that point.

Note 4: The total number of players on the field shall include the goalkeeper, when a goalkeeper is used (U-8 and older).

Note 5: Where indicated, goalkeepers are not allowed to punt the ball. They must throw/roll the ball.

Note 6: Build-out lines: The build out line is used to promote playing the ball out of the back in an un-pressured setting. When the goal keeper has the ball, either during play or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goal keeper can pass or throw/roll the ball to a team mate. After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal

Misconduct For Recreational Matches:

Coaches/team staff - Referees are instructed that, in the event of a Warning or Expulsion being issued to a team staff member (Head Coach, Asst. Coaches, etc.), the appropriate card will be displayed to the offending staff member (Yellow = Warning, Red = Expulsion). The Referee will contact the Referee Assignor for coach or parent problems.

Players - For U-11 and above: Normal FIFA guidelines/procedures will be followed and the Referee will file a misconduct report via the Referee website. For U-10 and below: The Referee will not issue or present yellow and red cards to players. Referees may suggest a player be substituted and provide a cooling off period.