

LAWS OF SOCCER BY AGE GROUP

Skiatook Soccer Club (SSC) adheres to all laws of the game as adopted by US Youth Soccer and Green Country Soccer Association (GCSA). GCSA has minor amendments to the US Youth Soccer laws and these can be found here (use the link you used for the laws of soccer).

As a club, SSC has adopted guidelines for U6 and U8 age groups. All laws will be followed as adopted by US Youth Soccer including the following:

U6

- Opponents should be at least 5 yards back on goal kicks. Referee may place opponents on their own side of the field if the team is dominant.
- Substitutions at quarters only, unless player is injured or otherwise unable to play. Consideration should also be given for extreme weather conditions.
- If a player is crying, the referee may stop the game to ask if the coach wishes to substitute for that player, but the referee cannot force the player to leave the playing field.
- The following rules and applicable penalties will be instituted for the marked goal box area:
 - A player may not be positioned within the marked goal box area.
 - No player shall touch the ball within the marked goal box area.
 - Players may pass through the goal box area at any time
 - An offensive player touching the ball within the goal box will result in a goal kick for the opposing team.
 - A defensive player touching the ball within the goal box will result in a corner kick/throw-in for the opposing team.
 - A ball coming to rest within the goal box area will be awarded to the defensive team as a goal kick.

U8

- We will follow US Youth Soccer U8 small sided game laws. This includes unlimited substitutions at any stoppage of play. It is the responsibility of the coaches to manage the players playing time to ensure that 50% play time is allotted for players.
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