

GYS AMENDMENTS TO OFFICIAL FIFA SOCCER RULES

Law 2 – Ball

League A (Grades K & 1)	will use a #3 approved ball.
League B (Grades 2 & 3)	will use a #4 approved ball.
League C (Grades 4 & 5)	will use a #5 approved ball.
League D (Grades 6, 7 & 8)	will use a #5 approved ball.

Law 3 – Number of Players

League A	6 (maximum)
League B	9 (maximum)
League C	10 (maximum)
League D	12 (maximum)

Substitutions should be made:

- From the touch line at mid-field and with the referee's permission.
- At quarter/half breaks, to replace an injured player, or when a player is warned (if the coach desires). Additionally, Leagues B, C & D can substitute when the ball crosses the touchline (sideline) and it is your throw or at kick offs or goal kicks.

Position and playing time regulation:

- A player who is present at the game time must play at least two quarters.
- No player may play any position for more than two quarters, except for League D. Players in League D do not have a position restriction.
- No player shall play more than one quarter more in any game than any other player on the team, except the case of discipline or injury.
- Adherence to the above policy will be monitored by GYS for compliance. Violations can result in forfeit.

Playing short:

- If a team is "short" of players, the opposing team **may** choose to play with a one player advantage, but it is not required to play with more than one player less than a full team.
- If there are less than 7 players of either team for the schedule game for D League, the game shall be called a forfeit. An informal game between the two teams shall be played (if possible) during the allotted time.

Law 4 – Player Equipment

- The front spikes must be rounded off or removed from baseball or football shoes.
- All players must wear the assigned team jersey/shirt in such a way that the color and number are clearly visible to the referee.
- Shin guards must be worn and covered by a sock.
- Jewelry is not to be worn.

- Unsafe clothing, as determined by the referee, will be removed before the player may resume play. Hoods must be tucked into shirt and no caps are allowed (ski hats and headbands are OK.)

Law 5 – Referees

- In League A, one coach is allowed on the field and a second is allowed behind the goal line during the game for instruction purposes.

Law 7 – Duration of Game

League A	8 minute quarters 5 minute half break
League B	10 minute quarters 5 minute half break
League C	12 minute quarters 5 minute half break
League D	30 minute half 5 minute half break

Terminated Game:

- Games may be cancelled due to inclement weather (rain, electrical storm, or darkness) by GYS or by the referee during the course of play. The game shall be considered an official game if one half of the game has been completed. IF not, the game will be rescheduled by GYS.

Law 11 – Off-Side

- Offside will not be called in League A

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Player protection

- Female players may protect their chests from impact of the ball by holding their arms against their chest. However, any movement of the arms toward the ball shall be considered an intentional “handball”.

Law 15 – Throw-In

- Players in League A will be allowed unlimited re-throws for incorrect throw-ins.
- Players in League B will be allowed one re-throw for an incorrect throw-in.

Other Rules

Eligibility:

- Only players on the official roster may play in official GYS games.
- GYS League Coordinators may add new players to the official rosters.

Practice:

- A team may not exceed 3 hours per week or 2 hours in any one practice.