

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 #4 approved ball
League D (Grades 6, 7, & 8)	will use a #5 approved ball

Law 3 – Number of Players (Can Play Shorthanded)

League A	6 (maximum)
League B	9 (maximum)
League C	11 (maximum)
League D	11 (maximum)

Substitutions:

- Only made from the center line with the referees permission
- During half/quarter breaks if a player is injured or has been warned
- Leagues B, C, &D can substitute when the ball crosses the sideline and it is there throw-in or goal kick.
- They may also replace a player at their kick off only.

Position and playing time regulation:

- Any player present at the time of the game must play.
- Players must play at least two quarters during the course of the game
- League D has no player restrictions
- Adherence to the above policy will be monitored by GYS for compliance. Violations can result in automatic forfeit.

Playing short:

- If a team is “short” of players the opposing team **MAY** choose to play with a one player advantage, but 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 scheduled 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

- All players must have soccer approved shoes, if not the spike must be rounded off or removed from a baseball or football shoe.
- All players must wear the assigned jersey/shirt to be eligible to play in the game.
- The jersey/shirt must be worn or displayed in clear view for everyone to see the number and color, and must be visible to the referee.
- Shin guards must be worn at all times and covered with socks.
- NO jewelry (besides medical or religious) can be worn on the field of play at any time. Medical or religious jewelry must be taped to the skin and not visible in any way.
- Unsafe clothing will be determined by the center referee of that game. If clothing is deemed unsafe the player must either forfeit play or remove the article in question before the game may resume. Hoods must be tucked into shirt, no hats, or sunglasses are allowed. (Ski hats and headbands are OK).
- Coats or other cold weather gear is to be worn under the jersey/shirt.

Law 5 – Referees

- In League A, **ONE** coach is allowed on the field following the play, while the second coach can stand **BEHIND** the goal line for instructional purposes.

Law 7 – Duration of Game

League A	8 minute quarters 5-8 minute half break
League B	12 minute quarters 5-8 minute half break
League C	15 minute quarters 5-8 minute half break
League D	30 minute halves 5-8 minute half break

Terminated Game:

- Games may be cancelled due to inclement weather (i.e.: rain, electrical storm, or darkness). The decision will be made either by the center referee or by any GYS board member. If the game has already begun and has half already played it will be considered an official game. If not, the game will be rescheduled by the league coordinator.

Law 11 – Off-side

- In League A offside will not be called.
- In League B, C, and D offside **WILL** apply and be called by the referee.

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” and a free kick will be awarded.

Law 15 – Throw-in

- Players in League A will be allowed unlimited re-throws for an incorrect throw-in
- Players in League B will be allowed **ONE** re-throw for an incorrect throw-in, at which point the ball goes to the opposing team.
- Players in League C and D are allowed **NO** re-throws on an incorrect throw-in.

Other Rules applied by GYS:

Eligibility:

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

Practice:

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

Referees:

- Treat the referee like **YOU** would like to be treated.
- Do not yell at the referee for any reason which is cause for a red card and dismissal from the game or premises.
- The referees are there to do a job, leave them alone to do their job so we can all go home safe.
- Referees **WILL** be using **red** and **yellow** cards on players, parents, and coaches.
- If given a red card the game will be stopped and that person removed, then the game may resume.

****Referees have the final say on and off the fields****