

# **AYSL Coach/Referee U12 Game Rules**

## Division Officials

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## **FIFA RULES**

- U12 abides by the FIFA Laws of the Game with the exceptions listed below. These include direct kicks, penalty kicks, etc.
- Please refer to the AYS website for a current link to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## **TO START THE GAME**

- Referees arrive 10 minutes early and wear red AYSL ref's shirt
- Visiting (gold) team kicks off and the home team (blue) chooses which goal to defend.
- Start on time, so games stay on schedule.
- Please be sure the goals are secured to ground with stakes/sandbags.

## **GAME DURATION**

- 12 minute quarters
- 2 minute break at quarters
- 5 minute break at the half
- change directions at the half

## **PLAYERS**

- Play 9v9 (8 field players and a goalie)
- Keepers must wear different color shirt/pinny over the top of jersey
- If numbers are low, play with fewer field payers. Be flexible

## **FIELD and BALL**

- #4 ball to be provided (properly inflated) by the home team.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

- No substitutions in the first 3 quarters, except for injuries.
- If there is extra playing time to be shared, the coach may sub half way through the 4th quarter. Referees should let coaches know when the 4th quarter is half over.

## **CASTS**

- If a player has a hard cast, they may play if they have a permission note from a doctor and the cast is well padded with soft material (like foam). It is up to the coaches/ref to let them play. If you don't feel it is safe to the other players, even with the conditions met above, the player may not play.

## **HEADING**

- No heading is allowed in practices or games. A 'dangerous play,' resulting in an indirect free kick, will be awarded to the opposing team, if a player intentionally uses his head to play the ball. The referee will have the discretion to decide if the head ball is intentional, which will be penalized.