



EWZSA MODIFIED LAWS FOR U4 & U5

LAW I – THE FIELD:

A. Dimensions:

The field of play should be rectangular. 50ft x 64ft. The field should be close to these dimensions; however field space may dictate smaller or larger fields. Try to be as close as possible.

B. Markings:

Sidelines and end-lines with pylons or disks.

Other marking not necessary for the enjoyment and development at this age group.

C. Goals:

Please use either a pop up net or pylons, goal mouth for both are to be the same width. (approx. 4ft)

LAW II – THE BALL:

Size 3 ball should be used for practices and games.

LAW III – NUMBER OF PLAYERS:

- A. Number of players on the field at any time will be 6. Each team with 3.
- B. Substitutions: Suggest 2-3 minutes rotating shifts or during any stoppage of play.
- C. Playing time: each player SHALL receive equal playing time.
- D. Teams and games may be co-ed.

LAW IV – PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes. (use common sense)
- B. MANDATORY. Shin-guards and socks covering the shin-guards.
- C. Jersey/ T-Shirt: Supplied by community or EWZSA.
- D. NO item of jewelry of any sort will be allowed on the field of play. Medic Alert Bracelets if required must be covered or padded in order to be safe for all players.

EWZSA promotes playing for FUN not competition.
Stats and scored are NOT recorded at this age level.

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LAW V – REFEREE:

Since there are no referees at U4/U5 and the players need to be in close contact with the instructional coach, each team should have one (1) representative on the field. Each representative (preferably the coach) can take half of the field.

LAW VI – LINESMEN: NO LINESMEN AT THIS LEVEL.**LAW VII –DURATION OF GAME:**

- A. The first 30 minutes will consist of Skills & Drills. Parents are encouraged to participate with their child.
- B. Followed by a 30 minutes game. 2 x 15 minute halves.

LAW VIII – THE START OF PLAY:

- A. The start of play shall consist of the visiting team starting with the ball at center
- B. The ball may be played forward or backward at the start of play.

LAW IX – BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:

- A. Kick-in's only if ball goes out of bounds. The ball is awarded to the opposite that put it outside the field of play. Place the ball on the ground have the player kick it into the field of play.
- B. No throw in's allowed.

LAW X – METHOD OF SCORING:

- A. Goals will be awarded when the ball is kicked between the cones into pup-up net.
- B. No scoring may occur inside the goal area.
- C. Goals must be scored no higher than 3 feet. (If there are no nets)