

**Nashville Youth Soccer Association
Modified FIFA Laws
Under 15 Division**

Law I – The Field

- A. Conform to FIFA Law.

Law II – The Ball

- A. Ball Size: five (5)

Law III – The Number of Players

- A. 16 players maximum per team
- B. On Field: 10 players and a goalkeeper (11 v. 11)
- C. The coach must remain in the coach's box (from the top of the penalty area to the sideline.) The coach or anyone filling in for a coach must be at least 18 years of age. Only the coach and one assistant coach are permitted on the player's bench side of the field during the game.
- D. Coaches should refrain from talking to the referee (including the assistant referees) during the game. If the coach has a question, he/she should wait for half time or the conclusion of the game. The referee will not stop the game or the clock to talk to a coach.
- E. Substitutions should conform to FIFA.
- F. All players should play at least ½ of the game.

Law IV – Player's Equipment

- A. Soccer cleats or tennis shoes (cleats are preferred). Baseball or Football cleats (cleats which contain a single cleat at the toe or very front of the shoe) are not allowed.
- B. Shin guards are required to be worn underneath the sock. The sock must completely cover the shin guards at all times. Players are not permitted to take the field without shin guards.
- C. ALL items of jewelry are strictly forbidden and must be removed prior to game time. This includes all necklaces and bracelets (whether string, leather, metal, or plastic), rings, earrings (including nose rings, tongue studs, and other piercings), leather bands, rubber bands etc. Using tape or band-aids to cover jewelry is NOT acceptable - the item must be removed. Furthermore, players must remove from their hair ALL hard clips, beads, or large bows from their hair. Soft "scrunchies" or pony-tail holders are permissible. The referees will inspect teams prior to each game and will ask a player out of compliance in this area to remove the jewelry or hair accessory.
- D. The player will not be permitted to play unless they are in compliance.

Law V – The Referee

- A. Certified Referee.

Law VI – The Assistant Referees

- A. Certified Referee Linesman

Law VII – The Duration of the Match

- A. Length: The game shall be divided into 2 equal halves of 35 minutes each.
- B. Breaks: 5 minute half
- C. Teams shall switch goals at half time.

Law VIII – The Start of Play

- A. Conform to FIFA law.

Law IX – Ball in and out of play

- A. Conform to FIFA law.

Law X – Method of Scoring

- A. Conform to FIFA law.

Law XI – Offside

A. Conform to FIFA law.

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

A. Conform to FIFA law.

B. In accordance with FIFA rules, yellow cards (warning) and/or red cards (ejection from game) may be issued to a player by the referee. If a player receives two yellow cards or one red card in a single game, the player will be ejected from the game. The team may not replace the ejected player with a substitute; they must play one player short. If a player receives a red card, he/she will also be required to sit out the next game played.

Law XIII - Free Kicks

A. Conform to FIFA law.

Law XIV – The Penalty Kick

A. Conform to FIFA law.

Law XV – Throw-Ins

A. Conform to FIFA law.

Law XVI – Goal Kick

A. Conform to FIFA law.

Law XVII – Corner Kick

A. Conform to FIFA law.

FIFA Laws of the game may be downloaded from the FIFA web site at:

<http://www.fifa.com/worldfootball/lawsofthegame.html>