

# AYSO AREA 11L

## U8 SPRING GUIDELINES



**PLAYSOCCER**  
American Youth Soccer Organization

## Season

- February 28, 2015 to May 2, 2015
- All players receive a participation award
- Post-season “U8 Friendship” Tournament May 9, 2015

## Teams

- 7 v 7 format of play
- 10 player roster

## Field Size

- 40 yd x 60 yd
- Goal size based on available resources not to exceed 7 ft x 21 ft

## Match Requirements

- Coach identification cards required
- Coaches to use eAYSO generated lineup cards for games
- One referee per match

## Match Length

- One game of 40 minutes (two 20-minute halves).
- Substitutions are made at a point midway through the first half and midway through the second half with a five (5) minute half-time water break/substitutions at the end of the first half.
- A maximum of seven (7) players will be allowed on the field (including a goalkeeper).
- Recommend that participants play 3/4 of the game.

## Start, Stop and Procedures

- Start of Game (Kickoff) - Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark while the kickoff is in progress.
- Ball In and Out of Play - Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- Throw-In: Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that a second thrown-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on their initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method in a positive and instructional manner before allowing the player to re-throw. (If 2nd throw is also illegal, allow play to continue)

## Goal Kick

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game with the following exceptions:
- Goal Kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
- The ball must cross the 12-yard line before the ball can be played.
- Opponents must be outside the 12-yard line area.

## Scoring

- Goals cannot be scored from a team's defensive side of the field.
- Goals cannot be scored by a goal kick.
- Goals cannot be scored by a kick off.
- Goals cannot be scored by a throw-in.

## Offside

- Offside is not applicable.

## Goalkeepers

- U8 teams will have a goalkeeper on the field.
- The goalkeeper can handle the ball anywhere within the 12-yard line area.
- Players may play no more than one half (1/2) of each game as a goalkeeper.

## Fouls & Misconduct

- Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions
- The use of red and yellow cards is not permitted.
- All fouls will result in a Direct Free Kick with the opponents six (6) yards away.
- The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
- No slide tackles are allowed in U8.
- No penalty kicks are to be awarded.