

RULES FOR U-12 & UP

U-12 & up Age Groups play by FIFA LAWS, with the exception of the substitution rule, which is modified for youth play.

These laws can be found on the web at:

United States Soccer Federation @ www.ussoccer.com

Federation Internationale de Football Association
@ www.fifa.com

Law books may be purchased at many of the stores and internet sites that sell soccer supplies.

DEFINITION OF CARDS:

Yellow Card: Caution (Player who gets two yellow cards during a game, automatically receives a red card).

Red Card: Send Off (Players receiving a red card are removed from the game—team may not replace the removed player) Ejected player also misses next regularly scheduled game. In rare instances a referee may determine that the player miss subsequent games.

Modified Youth Rule:

Substitutions: Players can be changed any time there is a stoppage of play, no limit.

IMPORTANT RULE FOR ALL TRAVEL PLAYERS

PA West rules state that, “players must play at least one half of each game except for reasons of injury, illness, absence or discipline”.

A. Absence – ie: players that do not regularly attend training (without a valid reason, stated to coach at start of season, or when the situation begins. ie: band practice, music lessons, scout meetings, etc.) Families of players who have a previous engagement or other extracurricular activities, should discuss the situation with the coach prior to the start of the season.

B. Discipline Problems – ie: players that do not present the proper work ethic at practice.

C. Illness

D. Injury

Enforcing this regulation (specifically parts A and B) will enable coaches to field a more competitive team. It will also instill in the players a “LIFE” lesson relating to work ethic, performance and reward. We need our coaches to provide the proper learning environment for the kids, however, this environment should include a certain amount of focus and commitment from the players and their parents. Players who do not attend trainings because of a birthday party, shopping at the mall, or plain didn't feel like going, MUST have some sort of consequence.

Players who are working to improve, loose a little drive when they see those that are not working or not attending practice are offered the same reward on game day. Therefore the coaches only recourse is to restrict the playing time on game day, for players who are in violation of the above rule.

If there are legitimate reasons a player cannot attend practice, the families should contact the coach with as much notice as possible to make him or her aware of the situation. Coaches are volunteering their time and MUST expect a commitment form their players to be at trainings and games when they are supposed to be. Soccer is a TEAM SPORT and we need the players, coaches and families to treat it that way. Being absent from trainings and games, lets down the team.