

U13-14 Modified Rules

GSPAA – Club Program Under 13-14 Playing Recommendations

GSPAA recommended modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

FIFA Laws of the Game can be found at

<http://www.fifa.com/aboutfifa/footballdevelopment/technicalsupport/refereeing/laws-of-the-game/>

Law 1 - The Field of Play: Conform to FIFA. Guidelines are 100 yards long by 65 yards wide.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size Five.

Law 3 – The Number of Players: Conform to FIFA. A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 11 players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than 10 players.

Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited, but at referee's discretion.

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

Law 4 – The Players' Equipment: Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Law 5 – The Referee: Registered referee.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees: Registered referee (1-2, as available) as linesman.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match: Conform to FIFA with the exception of the match being divided into two (2) equal halves of thirty-five (35) minutes each. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 – Offside: Conform to FIFA.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 15 – The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Other Considerations:

- Playing Time: A minimum of at least 50% playing time is required.
- Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each match.
- Parent/coaches, non-participating players and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the youngsters.
- Spectator and team benches should be on opposite sides of the field.
- No slide tackles to be allowed in this age group.
- Scores will be kept by the referee. Game scores and standings will be maintained by the league coordinator and distributed to the coaches; however, these standings will not be published via website, etc. Standings will be the basis for an end of year, single elimination playoff. If the score is getting lopsided, consider telling your team that a shot cannot be taken until X number of successful passes has been completed.