



# TEWKSBURY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

## Rule Differences Between Divisions

Gr1/2 (U8), Gr3/4 (U10), Gr5/6 (U12), Gr7/8 (U14)

This document summarizes the rule differences between the full FIFA Laws of Soccer and the various divisions of the In-town Recreation/Travel League programs. It only shows how the rules of the competition do not exactly follow the normal FIFA rules.

### Gr 1/2 (U8) Rules:

- 4v4 (small sided) format (no keeper)
- 3 player minimum (players may be borrowed from other team)
- Ball size - 3
- 10 minute quarters
- Each quarter period starts with a kick-off
- 8 Yards for free kicks/corner kicks
- Unlimited Substitution occur on ANY stoppage of play. - Players to midfield touchline on the bench side and wait for referee to allow entrance.
- No Penalty Kicks (Penalty Kick offenses become Direct Kicks about 8 yards from goal.)
- No Goal Kicks crossing midfield on the fly (indirect free kick for non offending team at midfield)
- Players must retreat to their defensive side of the field on goal kicks.
- No Offside
- No Slide Tackles
- No Heading (indirect free kick)



**Gr 3/4 (U10) Rules (note: Middlesex Youth Soccer League Rules take priority over TYSL rules):**

- 7v7 (small sided) format
- 5 player minimum (including goalkeeper)
- Ball size - 4
- 25 minute halves
- 8 Yards for free kicks/corner kicks
- Unlimited Substitution occur on own throw in (or opponent's throw in IF opponent is subbing), any goal kick, after goal, or start of half
- No Penalty Kicks (Penalty Kick offenses become Direct Kicks outside the Penalty Area)
- Goal kicks crossing midfield on the fly (indirect free kick for non offending team at midfield)
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- No Slide Tackles
- No Heading

**Gr 5/6 (U12) Rules (note: Middlesex Youth Soccer League Rules take priority over TYSL rules):**

- 9v9 (Full sided) format
- 7 player minimum (including goalkeeper)
- Ball size - 4
- 30 minute halves
- Unlimited Substitution occur on own throw in (or opponent's throw in IF opponent is subbing), any goal kick, after goal, or start of half
- 8 Yards for free kicks /corner kicks
- No Slide Tackles
- No Heading

**Gr 7/8 U14 Rules (note: Middlesex Youth Soccer League Rules take priority over TYSL rules):**

- 35 Minute Halves
- Unlimited Substitution occur on own throw in (or opponent's throw in IF opponent is subbing), any goal kick, after goal, or start of half
- No Slide Tackles