**Rules for Under 8 and Younger Divisions 2013**

**Under 8 and younger**
U-8 and younger teams are formed to introduce new players to soccer and to develop their soccer skills. To encourage this attitude, regular season standings will not be kept and coaches will be encouraged to play/develop their weakest players.

**Law II – The Ball**

Under 8 – Under 5 Size 3

**Law VII – Duration of the Game**Duration of the games shall be as follows:
Under 8 Four 10-Minute Quarters
Under 6 Four 8-MinuteQuarters
The half-time interval is (5) minutes and quarter-time interval (2) minutes.

**Law XI – Offside**No off sides called

**Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct**You may stop play and award an indirect kick to the other team for obvious infractions.

**Law XIII – Free Kick**No free kicks

**Law XIV – Penalty Kick**Under 8 and younger – no penalty kicks.

**Law XV – Throw In**Under 8 and younger – If there is an infraction of the FIFA throw in rule, the player throwing the ball in shall receive one additional throw-in after correcting instruction from the referee. If the player violates the FIFA throw in rule in his/her second throw in, then the opposing team shall be awarded the throw in.

**Corner Kicks:**

Under 8: will follow FIFA rules

Under 6 and younger: Corner kicks will be throw ins at the corner.

**Goal Kicks**

Under 8: will be taken from any location on the “Dead Zone” line.

Under 6 and younger: will be taken from either left or right of the goal.

**Law XVI, Law XVII**Other UYSA Policies:
1. Under 8 and younger – there shall be no goalkeeper.

2. Under 8: Coaches may **not** be on the field of play during conduct of the game.
 Under 6 and younger: Coaches may be on the field of play during conduct of

 the game.

**Local Law-Dead Zone**

Under 8 **ONLY**- A “Dead Zone” will be utilized to discourage goalkeeping. The Dead Zone is a rectangle area marked in front of the goal. No play shall be allowed in this Zone. If a goal is blocked from within the dead zone, a goal will be awarded to the attacking team. If play continues into the Dead Zone, play will be restarted at the center field with a drop ball. If the attacking team scores from within the Dead Zone, no goal will be awarded, possession will change and the opposing team will be awarded a goal kick.

**We ask that you adhere to the following basic rules and discuss these with parents and fans:**

1. Alcoholic beverages of any type and tobacco products will not be permitted at or adjacent to any field of play.

2. No foul language. We encourage you to cheer for all players. We have a zero tolerance policy on referee abuse.

3. Clean up around your area after each game.

4. Allow all players the required 50% playing time.

5. No parents may sit behind the goals or on the coaching side of the field. Please allow 5 feet for referees on both sides of the field.

6. No practicing on playing fields. We have a designated practice area on the west side of our complex.

7.A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations is not sufficient grounds for appeals or protests.

 **We wish you a great season!!!**

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