

Griswold Soccer Club

RULES OF THE GAME 2014

Games sanctioned by the Griswold Soccer Club shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game (LOTG) as published and modified by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the Connecticut Junior Soccer Association (CJSA).

Items below are modifications or clarifications to the FIFA LOTG as they apply to Griswold Soccer Club. Refer to the LOTG for the complete description of soccer law. **LOTG can be found at: <http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Laws-of-the-Game.aspx> **

Law 1 – The Field of Play

GSC may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, change the size of the field for each age group. GSC Board shall be solely responsible for adjusting the dimensions of the field.

Law 2 – The Ball

- GSC will use a #3 soccer ball in age groups U6 & U8
- GSC will use a #4 soccer ball in age groups U11
- GSC will use a #5 soccer ball in age group U14

Law 3 – The Number of Players (Subject to change by referee on field or BMOD)

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| • Age Group U6 | Five (5) players (including Sweeper Keeper) |
| • Age Group U8 | Six (6) Players (including a Goal Keeper) |
| • Age Group U11 | Eight (8) Players (including a Goal Keeper) |
| • Age Group U14 | Eleven (8) Players (including a Goal Keeper) |

Substitutions shall be unlimited except where specified otherwise in the rules and regulations for a particular competition. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage in play.

The goalkeeper may be changed at any substitution, and the referee must be notified that a goal keeper change is taking place.

Except for half-time and after a goal has been scored, substitutes wishing to enter the field must be at the halfway line prior to the substitution opportunity.

Law 4 – The Players' Equipment

Per FIFA LOTG with emphasis on the following

- Nothing on wrists or neck except med alert tags.
- No exposed metal in hair.

- Color of jersey must be showing, jackets and sweatshirts may be worn under jersey
- Must have shin guards that are covered by socks
- Players must not use or wear anything which is dangerous to his/her self or another player (including ANY kind of jewelry).
- Toe cleats are allowed as long as they are not dangerous in the opinion of the referee
- There will be no alterations or additions to the uniforms

Law 5 – The Referee

Per FIFA LOTG

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees

Per FIFA LOTG

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

The age group determines the length of the game. There is a five (5) minute break between all halves. There is a two (2) minute break between all quarters in the U8 age group. Stoppage time will be added to each quarter/ half at the discretion of the referee. There is no over time in non-tournament games.

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| 1. Age Group U6 | 4 - 5min quarters with running time |
| 2. Age Group U8 | 4 - 10 minute quarters |
| 3. Age Group U11 | 4 - 12 minute quarters |
| 4. Age Group U14 | 2 - 35 minute halves |

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

Per FIFA LOTG

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

Per FIFA LOTG

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

Per FIFA LOTG

Law 11 – Offside

The offside rule will not be enforced in the U8 and U11 age groups.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

The Board of the Griswold Soccer Club recommends that any player receiving his/her first caution (yellow card) in any game be removed from play by the player's coach to allow the player to cool off &/or to come to an understanding of why he or she was cautioned. The cautioned player may be substituted for at the coach's discretion and may return to the game at the next legal substitution opportunity.

If a player is shown a red card procedures will be followed per FIFA LOTG. The length of suspension from play will be decided by the GSC Board of Directors.

“Slide Tackling” will not be allowed under any circumstances in the U8 age group, even if no players are within playing distance. In the U11 and U14 sliding is allowed to keep ball in play but not to attack another player.

Infractions:

- If no contact made with another player: Indirect Free Kick to opposing team
- If contact made with another player: Direct Free Kick to opposing team
- Excessive or reckless force to be dealt with per FIFA Law 12

*Cards will not be shown on the U8 field. Misconduct will result in time out of the game as determined by the coaches.

Law 13 – Free Kicks

On all fields, opponents are only required to be at least the distance equal to the radius of the center circle away from the ball on all free kicks (subject to the special conditions of Law 8) due to field size.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

There will be no penalty kicks on the U8 field. For infractions resulting in a penalty kick, a direct free kick will be taken just outside the penalty area with defenders allowed in the penalty area.

Law 15 – The Throw-in

On the U8 and U11 field, a second throw-in shall be allowed (per restart) if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt. ** The second throw must be done by the same player.** If the player commits a foul on the second attempt, the opposing team receives the ball.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick

Per FIFA LOTG

Law 17 – The Corner Kick

Per FIFA LOTG

Procedures to determine the winner of a match

Regular season games will be allowed to end in a tie. For tournament games where a winner must be established there will be two 5 min halves played in full, followed by kicks from the penalty mark per FIFA LOTG.

The Technical Area

*The Technical Area instructions per the LOTG shall be in force, the persons allowed in the TA are players, substitutes **a team mom/dad,** and up to 2 coaches, who must be on the GSC coaches list. At the discretion of the referee, parents may be in the TA during quarter/halftime breaks and other times as appropriate.*

Coaches shall be responsible for ensuring the following CJSA rules pertaining to minimum playing time are observed.
(CJSA)

1277 Recreational League means an intra-club league in which:

1. the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited; AND
2. the club administering the league accepts as participants in the league and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms of registration); AND
3. a system of rostering players is employed for the purpose of creating a fair or balanced distribution of playing talent among all teams participating; AND,
4. league rules require that each player play at least one-half (1/2) of each game except for reasons of injury, illness or discipline.

5114 Recreational/Recreational Plus League Play. In all recreational/recreational plus league play, whether travel or in-house, each player shall play at least one-half (1/2) of each game except for reasons of injury, illness, or discipline*.

*Discipline refers only to a player being sent off by the referee.