

RULES AND POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- ⚽ **No intentional heading by players from U-8 to U-12**
Intentional heading = foul with an indirect kick to other team. If defender within their own penalty area restart on the penalty area line closest to where offence occurred.
- ⚽ **No offside from U8 to U10**
- ⚽ **Slide tackling or playing ball while on the ground is permitted if done safely.**
- ⚽ **From U8 to U10 on goal kicks the non-kicking team must be in their own half until kick is taken.**
- ⚽ **From U8 to U10 the goalkeeper cannot punt the ball directly over the center line. If he/she does it is a foul with IDFK being taken on the center line by the other team.**
- ⚽ **Scores are not kept until final tournament weeks but get into the habit of keeping a record of the game during the season.**
- ⚽ **Yellow and red cards are permitted if warranted.**
- ⚽ **Substitutions can be made on goal kicks, throw-ins, prior to any kickoff and injuries. No substitutions on corner kicks. Substitutions are made at center field and with the referee's permission. Substitutes must be standing at midfield BEFORE the stoppage that initiates the substitution.**
- ⚽ **No coaches or spectators are permitted behind the goals.**
- ⚽ **Only coaches, assigned referees and players are permitted on the bench side.**
- ⚽ **Players and coaches must remain in their assigned technical area: approximately 10 yards away from the center line and at least 10 feet behind the touchline.**

- ⚽ **Spectators must remain at least 10 feet behind the touchline to ensure AR, player, and spectator safety.**
- ⚽ **MSA will not tolerate inappropriate behavior from bench personnel or spectators. AR2 should not hesitate to report inappropriate fan behavior to the referee and/or mentor.**
- ⚽ **MSA has distributed a Referee Guide to Assist Coaches. That document appears at the end of this manual so you can be advised of the standards MSA has set for its coaches.**