Adaptations of Soccer Laws for Lane Youth Soccer Association

GENERAL - In non-dangerous situations, always emphasize instruction and player's skill development as opposed to assessing penalties. In dangerous situations, err with over-enforcement rather than under-enforcement. During games, center referee has final word in all calls regardless of a player's, coach's or parent's differing opinion. Disputed calls may be discussed with referees at half-time or after full time and play is finished.

Special situations, all ages:

- 1. If a player is on the ground and still attempting to control the ball, stop play, instruct player, assess an indirect free kick for opponents.
- 2. Hand balls are allowed for <u>protection</u> of head or private body parts with open or clenched fists. Arms must remain against body. All other handling of the ball are assessed a direct free kick for opponents.

	U6	U7 / U8	U10	U12	U14 / U19
Age	5	6, 7	8, 9	10, 11	12-13 / 14-18
Players on field	5 v 5	7 v 7	7 v 7	9 v 9	11 v 11
Ball size	3	3	4	4	5
Field size	25 X 50 feet	35 X 70 feet	40 X 65 yds	50 X 80 yds	60 X 120 yds
Periods	4 - 10 min. periods	4 - 10 min. periods	2 - 25 min. halves	2 - 30 min. halves	2 - 40 / 45 min. halves
1 min. break	midpoint of half	midpoint of half	midpoint of half	n/a	n/a
5 min. break	halftime	halftime	halftime	halftime	halftime
Substitutions	Referee approval	Referee approval	Referee approval	Referee approval	Referee approval
Goals	Entire end line	12 yds w/ flags	6 yard goal posts	6 yard goal posts	8 yard goal posts
	No keeper	No keeper	& net	& net	& net
Goal kicks	No	From within	From within	From within	From within
		goal box*	goal box*	goal box*	goal box*
Corner kicks	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Throw-ins/	Between 7 yd. lines	Between 10 yd. lines	Anywhere at touchline,	Anywhere at touchline,	Anywhere at touchline,
Kick-ins	Kick-ins	Kick-ins	moderate form calls	strict form calls	strict form calls
Offside	No	No	Yes, Instructional	Yes	Yes
Heading	No	No	No	Yes, not encouraged	Yes
Slide tackle	No	No	No	Yes, not encouraged	Yes
Free kicks	Direct Free Kick	Direct Free Kick	Direct Free Kick for	Regular calls	Regular calls
	Between 7 yd. lines	Between 10 yd. lines	flagrant violations		
Whistle/card use	Limited whistle/	Moderate whistle/	Moderate whistle/cards	Full whistle & cards	Full whistle & cards
	no cards	no cards	for flagrant misconduct		

* Kicked ball must clear Penalty Area (or 12 yard line) before contact by either team. All opponents must be outside penalty area; kicking team may remain in penalty area.



