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**Woburn Youth Soccer**  
**6 V 6 Official Laws**  
**Under 8**

Law I -The Field:

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 57 yards nor less than 20 yards and its width not more than 27 yards nor less than 15 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.
- B. Markings:
  - Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
  - A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
  - A center circle with a three (3) yard radius.
  - Four (4) corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
  - Goal area: none
- C. Goals: Up to 6 x 12 feet.

Law II-The Ball: Size three (3).

Law III-Number of Players:

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is six (6) with one player designated as goalkeeper.
- B. Substitutions:
  - No player is to play more than two consecutive periods unless the team is limited to two or less substitutes.

Substitutions continued:

- Injuries
  - Substitutions by both teams are made at the end of each quarter.
- C. Playing time: Each player **SHALL** play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time
  - D. Teams and games may be coed.

Law IV-Players Equipment:

Conform to **FIFA** with the following exceptions:  
 Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes

Law V-The Referee:

Associate referee.  
 Parent/Coach or assistant  
 All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law VI-Linesman: Not used.

Law VII-Duration of the Game:

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal, twelve (12) minute quarters.
- B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.
- C. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

Law VIII-The Start of Play:

- Conform to **FIFA**, with the following exception:
- A. Opponent must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

Law IX-Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to **FIFA**

Law X-Method of Scoring: Conform to **FIFA**

Law XI-Offside:

There shall be no offside called during these games.

Law XII-Fouls and Misconduct:

Conform to **FIFA** with the following exception:

- A. No cautions or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

Law XIII-Free Kicks:

Conform to **FIFA** with the following exceptions:

- A. Shall be classified under one heading: INDIRECT
- B. Opponents must be three (3) yards away before kick is allowed.

Law XIV-Penalty Kicks:

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

Law XV-Throw-In:

Conform to **FIFA** with the following exceptions:

- A. A second throw must be allowed if the throw-in does not conform to **FIFA** on the initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing player to throw-in again.

Law XVI-Goal Kick:

Conform to **FIFA** with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

Law XVII-Corner Kick:

Conform to **FIFA** with the following exceptions:

- A. Shall be classified as INDIRECT.

**Woburn Youth Soccer Policies**

- Each team must use one side of the field for their bench positions, one team on one side of the midfield line and the opposing team on the other side of the midfield line.
- The parents must remain behind the opposite sideline of the teams until the Referee signals the end of the game.
- Substitutions must remain in the designated team bench area.