

## U7/U8 Coach/Referee Primer

Preliminaries- (Laws 1, 2, 4, 5 & 7)

- Always inspect the field, goals and the ball prior to the game for safety
- Always inspect the players
  - Equipment- shoes, socks, shin guards (under socks), shirt & shorts
  - Player- no casts , splints, jewelry or anything hard in the hair
- As the referee, you are the timekeeper as well as the monitor of fair play
- A coin is tossed and the team that wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half
- The other team takes the kick-off
- The team that wins the toss takes the kick-off to start the second half
- In the second half, the teams change ends of the field
- Duration of the game- 20 min. halves

The following situations are when you should stop the game and restart it as follows:

- Kick-Off (Law 8)- at the beginning of the game, at the beginning of the second half or after a goal is scored. All players in their own half and the opponents are outside of the center circle until the ball moves.
- Ball In/Out of Play (Law 9)- when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether in the air or on the ground.
- Fouls (Law 12)- anything that you think is unsafe or unfair, within reason
- Free Kicks (Law 13)- after a foul, we only use indirect free kicks (the ball has to touch at least one other player before it can score a goal)
- Throw-In (Law 15)- is awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball after it goes over a touchline
- Goal-Kick (Law 16)- is awarded to the defenders when the ball goes over the goal line last touched by an attacker
- Corner Kick (Law 17)- is awarded to the attackers when the ball goes over the goal line last touched by a defender

Please learn and implement applicable division guidelines for numbers of players, substitutions, game duration, ball size, fouls and misconduct, and other game parameters in the *Burlingame AYSO 2011 Division Guidelines* at

<http://www.burlingameayso.org/gemsfolder/MWwwwayso63/AYSOMatrix2011.pdf>.

Please refer to the Laws of the Game or a Burlingame AYSO board member for any further questions or clarifications.

[http://ayso.org/resources/referee\\_res/soccer\\_governing\\_rules.aspx](http://ayso.org/resources/referee_res/soccer_governing_rules.aspx)