

**GRIFFITH SOCCER CLUB
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

The following Constitution and By-Laws for the Griffith Soccer Club were submitted to the membership on December 12, 1991, for study and were adopted at the December meeting, and were last amended on June 10, 2004.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

The name of this Club shall be the Griffith Soccer Club.

Article II

Territory

The territory shall be that of Griffith, Indiana.

Article III

Purpose

The purpose of this Club shall be to provide the members of the Griffith Soccer Club with an opportunity to collectively participate in an organized game of soccer and to create an atmosphere of good sportsmanship, friendship and pride in learning the skills of the game.

Article IV

Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association, Indiana Youth Soccer Association and Northwest Indiana Soccer Association.

Article V

Membership

Section 1: Members of the Griffith Soccer Club shall include any child actively enrolled in the Griffith Soccer Club, parents or guardians, Griffith Soccer Club coaches, assistant coaches, Executive Board members and those persons who have contributed their support in the form of a sponsorship fee or designated Booster Club fee.

Section 2: Voting members of the Griffith Soccer Club shall include all coaches, assistant coaches, Executive Board members, parents or guardians of children actively playing soccer in the Griffith Soccer Club, and sponsors, who have attended a minimum of seven (7) regular Club meetings within the period of one calendar year before said vote and a majority (14) of club meetings in the two years prior to an election vote. In the event of a special election voting members shall consist of members who have attended seven (7) meetings in the last calendar year.

Section 3: The Executive board shall have sole power to determine qualification for membership and to accept or reject any applicant.

Article VI

Administration

This Club shall be governed by its Constitution and By-Laws, except where they conflict with or are supplanted by the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Northwest Indiana Soccer Association.

Article VII
Suspension of Rules

Any article of the Constitution or By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any Regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the duly recognized voting members present, provided the proposed amendments have been submitted and read at the previous meeting.

Article VIII
Officers

Section 1: The Executive Officers of this Club shall consist of the President, Vice President, the Northwest Player Representative, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 2: The Executive Officers, President, Vice President, North West Representative, Treasure and Secretary, shall be elected by separate balloting by a majority of votes cast. Nominations will be accepted at the regular November meeting. The ballot shall take place at the regular December meeting and elected officers shall hold office for two years, January through December, with no maximum number of terms placed on any one office within the Griffith Soccer Club.

The Offices of Field Manager, Co-Field Manager, Equipment Manager, Chairperson of the Team Parents (NWISL and Instructional) and the two Instructional Representatives will be nominated by the President at the January meeting with a majority approval of the Executive Board at the January meeting following the election

Section 3: The President shall chair all Club meetings and meetings of the Executive Board. The President shall in general disburse and control all business and affairs of the Club and shall serve as an ex-officio member at all meetings with other soccer associations. The President will be the Club's representative at all League meetings. If unable to attend a league meeting, the order of substitution will be as follows: the Vice President, then the North West Player Representative; and, if neither of the substitutes is available, then the President may designate who will attend.

Section 4: The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the President's absence or in the event of the President's inability to act. The Vice President will be in charge of soliciting sponsors, annual sponsor fees and any necessary public relations activity for the soccer club. The Vice President is responsible for soliciting coaches with the mandated support of the Player Representatives. In addition to the above duties the Vice President shall assume any duties delegated by the President.

Section 5: The Player Representative shall be in charge of registration and the publicity attendant thereto for Northwest Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association, and Indiana Youth Soccer Association. The Player Representative shall keep a current roster of each team, team coaches, and a waiting list of players not assigned to any roster. All rosters and coaches list shall be submitted to the secretary as soon as possible during the current season. Any complaint by a player, parent, or a coach regarding Constitution/B-Laws, Club conduct, team formation or coach selection should be submitted to the Player Representative in writing. The Player Representative will then bring before the Executive Board any complaint for resolution. Team rosters shall be kept for a minimum of 5 years; team rosters kept by Player Representative and Club records kept by Secretary. A computer/printer will be provided for the Player Representative to accomplish the above. A file cabinet is also provided.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Club. The Treasurer shall collect funds from all sources and shall then deposit all such money in a bank account in the name of the Club or as otherwise directed by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall maintain a detailed account of the income and expenditures of the Club and shall prepare a monthly

statement of all financial transactions of the Club to be presented in writing at each monthly meeting of the Club. All checks written by or on behalf of the Griffith Soccer Club, shall be signed by the Treasurer and either the President or the Vice President. The Treasurer, in July of each year, shall upon request of the President or Executive Board present all records of the Treasurer's keeping for audit by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall see that appropriate tax returns, tax shelters, tax forms, and tax exempt number are filed for in the month of March of each year or as necessary. The Treasurer shall head all Fund Raising Committees and be empowered to create any sub-committees. The Treasurer shall also be in charge of overseeing any yearly budgets necessary for the Griffith Soccer Club. The Treasurer shall keep a list of teams and their assigned paid sponsors to be provided by the Secretary. The Treasurer is given a briefcase and calculator to accomplish the above.

Section 7: The Field Manager and Co-Field Manager are responsible for keeping all playing fields in as safe as possible condition at all times. The Field Manager and Co-Field Manager are in charge of the Field Committee. The Field Manager and Co-Field Manager also need to coordinate the work schedule Manger and Treasurer need to formulate an expected field maintenance budget for the year and report in the month of February to the Executive Board. The Field Manager and Co-Field Manager are also responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of necessary field equipment i.e. paint machine, sprinklers, etc. The Field Manager and Co-Field Manager will try and maintain a positive working relationship with the Griffith Parks Department.

Section 8: The Equipment Manager is responsible for uniforms, field equipment, storage facilities inventory and housekeeping. Inspects, maintains and distributes ~~soccer balls~~ uniforms as follows: uniforms are given to coaches one (1) week before first scheduled league match. All equipment is to be collected by Equipment Manager one (1) week after the league scheduled season. The Equipment Manager makes a status report on equipment to the Treasurer by next scheduled Club meeting following end of current soccer season. Inventory presented by Treasure at next scheduled Executive meeting.

Section 9: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose. The Secretary shall see that all notices (newspaper, coach telephone calls, etc.) are duly given in accordance with the Club Constitution and By-Laws. The Secretary shall keep a register of the mailing addresses of the Club officers and team coaches. The Secretary shall keep a list of all current and potential sponsors. The Secretary shall be in charge of all internal and external communications. The Club will provide a typewriter in good working condition, and a briefcase and stationery to accomplish all of the above.

Section 10: The Instructional Representatives (2) are responsible for the organization and management of the Griffith Soccer Club Instructional League. The two Instructional Representatives are only accountable to the Executive Board and/or President. The two representatives will assist in sign-ups, rostering teams, organizing practices and the scheduling of practices. A status report should be presented to the Executive Board at each scheduled monthly meeting. The two Representatives will assist with the Instructional League in all Club fund raising events and be liaisons between the Instructional League and the Executive Board.

Section 11: The Chairperson of the Team Parents should be an individual with strong organizational abilities. The Team Parent is responsible for contacting each team coach and obtaining that team's parent representative and their phone number. Each team must have a parent representative. The Chairperson of the Team Parents will organize one (1) meeting prior to the beginning of the spring and fall outside soccer seasons to discuss the following: A. Treat schedules, B. Distribution and collection of uniforms, C. Fund raising activities, D. Picture Schedules, E. Assist the coach in management of team.

Section 11A: The Team Parent of the Instructional Division should be an individual with strong organizational abilities. The Team Parent is responsible for contacting each team coach and obtaining that team's parent representative and their phone number. Each team must have a parent representative. The Team Parent of the Instructional Division will organize one (1) meeting prior to the beginning of the spring and fall outside soccer seasons to discuss the following: A. Treat schedules,

B. Distribution of uniforms, C. Fund raising activities, D. Picture Schedules, E. Assist the coach in management of team.

Section 12: In the event a vacancy occurs in any office other than that of President, the President shall appoint a temporary successor until that position can be filled at the next regular December election.

Section 13: In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice President will automatically assume the office of President and appoint a new Vice President.

Article IX **Executive Board**

Section 1: The authority of this Club shall be vested in the Executive Board and any member of the full Board the President deems necessary. The Executive Board will be chaired by the President of the Club, and consist of the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, NorthWest Player Representative, Field Manager, Co-Field Manager, Equipment Manager, (2) Instructional Representatives, the Chairperson of the Team Parents (NWISL) and the Chairperson of the Team parents (Instructional Division).

Section 2: In all matters which are properly presented to the Executive Board, each member of the Executive Board shall have the right to cast one (1) vote in any matter. However, officers cannot delegate their officer's vote to another in their absence. In cases of a tie vote, the President's vote shall be decisive. The President shall not have a vote unless there is a tie vote.

Section 3: The Club, through the Executive Board, shall have jurisdiction over all teams, coaches and players associated with it.

Section 4: The Executive Board shall transact all business of this Club directly or by delegation of its authority to such persons who it may from time to time designate. The Executive Board shall enforce the By-Laws and Regulations of the Northwest Indiana Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association, and the Indiana Youth Soccer Association as they may apply to the Griffith Soccer Club.

The Executive Board may demand and expect to receive such papers, books, documents, and accounts from the officers, committees or members for their review which it may from time to time require.

The Executive Board will settle any disputes between two or more members of this Club and do anything and everything which it may deem necessary and expedient to enforce the purpose of this Club. In matters concerning suspension of a player or revocation of membership, an appeal may be made to the Executive Board after a 30-day grace period. However, censure or discipline of a coach lies solely with the Executive Board and may be appealed after a 30-day grace period.

Article X **Meeting**

Section 1: The monthly meetings of the Griffith Soccer Club shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Other Club meetings may be scheduled by the Executive Board.

Section 2: The monthly meetings of the Executive Board shall be determined by the Executive Board during the regular meeting to be held prior regular scheduled Club meetings.

Section 3: A quorum for the Executive Board shall consist of a minimum of one-half (1/2).

Section 4: In case of a request for a Special Meeting of the Executive Board, the request must be made by a minimum of two (2) Executive Board members and contact the President or Vice President with request. The Special Meeting will be called within one (1) week of request.

Section 5: All Instructional League meetings should be brought to the attention of the Executive Board one (1) week in advance (Coaches meeting, referee meeting, and rostering of teams, etc.).

Section 6: Guests may attend Club meetings at the discretion of the President and should be so indicated in the meeting minutes.

The order of business at regular meeting of the Club shall be;

1. Roll call (to be conducted by the signing in of those attending)
2. Minutes of previous meeting and previous Executive Board meeting (to be in writing and least one copy available for inspection at the sign-in table)
3. Communications
4. Report of the Treasurer (to be in writing and at least one copy available for inspection at the sign-in table)
5. Report of the Executive Board
6. Report of Committees
7. Report of Instructional Representatives
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Miscellaneous Items
11. Adjournment

The order of business at an Executive Board meeting of the Club shall be:

1. Roll Call of Officers (to be conducted by signing in of those attending)
2. Minutes of previous meeting (to be in writing and at least one copy available for inspection at the sign-in table)
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

Section 7: The sign-in sheets which are used for the roll call of the Executive Board and Regular Meeting will be removed 15 minutes after the start of each meeting. Anyone entering the meeting 15 minutes after the start of the meeting will not be allowed to count the meeting towards their attendance requirements for voting privileges.

Article XI Code of Conduct

Disciplinary Action

The following rules pertaining to sideline protocol have been adopted by the Indiana Youth Soccer Association (IYSA), Northwest Indiana Soccer League (NWISL) and the Griffith Soccer Club (GSC).

When sideline behavior before, during or after any game is contrary to the rules and philosophies of NWISL, IYSA and GSC for the good of soccer, the following progressive discipline will be administered by the respective Coach at the direction of the referee:

1. First Violation – stoppage of play (but not stoppage of the clock) and a verbal warning administered by the respective Coach to the individual(s).
2. Second Violation (by the same team’s sideline) – stoppage of play (but not stoppage of the clock) and the requirement of that Coach to go to the sideline and warn the individual(s) that the next Violation will result n complete stoppage of play and forfeiture of the game. [For NWISL games – issuance of formal yellow card to respective Coach.]
3. Third Violation (by the same team’s sideline during he same game) – final stoppage of play and forfeiture of game.

The behaviors that would invoke the above discipline include acting in a threatening manner toward the referee, making inappropriate or foul comments to the referee, coaches or players, or any other behaviors deemed grossly inappropriate. The Club reserves the right to ban the offending parent or guest from attending games for the remainder of the season.

Game Seating

For your safety and that of the players, parents, siblings and guests are required to view the games in designated areas. Only players and coaches are allowed on the sidelines. You may sit on the sideline opposite of the players and their coaches or at each goal side.

Smoking

Griffith Soccer Club has adopted a No Smoking policy near all games fields and the concession stand. Please be considerate and refrain from smoking while attending the games. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Section 1: Proper registration is defined as registering on the published dates authorized by the Griffith Soccer Club and providing the following necessary information: Player's picture, copy of birth certificate, legal guardian's signature and payment in full.

- A) Late registrations are defined as registrations taken after the last published registration date in the local newspapers. The exception would be a new resident to the town of Griffith that began residence after the published dates of registration. Any other request will be put on a waiting list and must be approved by a quorum vote of the Executive Board before being rostered.
- B) A late fee of \$25.00 per player (or current fee charged by NWISL for late registration) will be assessed at time of late registration.
- C) Exception to late sign-ups: Recruiting will be allowed for any team rostered few than 14 players, as directed by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Player eligibility and registration shall be dictated by the Northwest Indiana Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association, and Indiana Youth Soccer Association, as shall player division by age and the scheduling of all games within the League's jurisdiction.

Section 3: All players must attend school in Griffith, or have a parent or legal guardian residing in Griffith or be a resident of a community that does not have an established club. If a player ceases to meet these requirements, player may complete the balance of the season for which they registered, i.e. spring, fall or indoor.

A) Exceptions for players that live in communities where there is an established club: 1) Will be put on a waiting list until all Griffith Soccer Club players and players from communities that do not have an established club have been rostered. 2) Must have a written release from their local club. 3). Be approved by a quorum vote of the Griffith Soccer Club Executive Board before rostering.

Article II

Section 1: Except as provided herein all games and competition sponsored by the Club and, therefore, the Northwest Indiana Soccer Association shall be governed by FIFA "Laws of the Game".

Section 2: Substitutions shall be unlimited and made at those times specified in the Northwest Indiana Soccer Association By-Laws.

Section 3: Griffith Soccer Coach shall be a person that wants to coach a team. Selecting a NWISA coach, recreational division, can be done in the following manner: sign-up sheets, etc. Coaches will be appointed by volunteer sign-up or at the request of the Northwest Players Representative or the Instructional/PeeWee Representative with preference given to existing coaches. Final decision will rest with the Executive Board. It should be noted that prior coaching experience with the Griffith Soccer Club does not guarantee a coaching position.

Coaching Requirements:

Instructional Division: Starting February 1, 2005 anyone wishing to coach will be subject to the following conditions.

PeeWee: it is mandatory to attend one Griffith Soccer Club coach's clinic per season.

Instructional A: coaches will be required to attend 1 youth module per calendar year.

Instructional B: must receive E license prior to becoming an Instructional B coach.

Northwest: In the event Northwest requires coach to be licensed said coach will be required to procure said license. Northwest coaches' requirements will be dictated by NWISL

- A) Any coach of a Griffith team shall play each player a minimum time equal to half the game of each scheduled outdoor regular and tournament league game.
- B) If a Griffith Soccer Coach does not play a player the minimum required time, the following

steps shall be taken by the Executive Board, provided that the parents have talked to the coach about their child not playing and provided the player in question has attended fifty percent (50%) of the practices and has been on time for games. Exceptions will be either medical or reasonable personal.

FIRST OFFENSE: Executive Board shall warn the coach about not playing the player or players time equal to half the game. A letter will also be sent out to the individuals involved advising them that the coach was warned.

SECOND OFFENSE: The coach will be suspended from coaching or assistant coaching any team in the Griffith Soccer Club for the duration of one game.

THIRD OFFENSE: The coach will be suspended for the duration of the season. Reinstatement will be subject to review by the executive board.

Section 4: Any Griffith Soccer Coach telling his players they cannot attend any other practice for any sport or other activity and miss a soccer practice shall be subject to hearing by the executive board, if the coach is found to be in violation a suspension may be issued for the duration of which will be at the discretion of the board.

Section 5: Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his team members and spectators concerned with his team. Designated areas restricted for play shall be respected by all attending persons. Alcoholic beverages, smoking and profanity shall be prohibited during game and practice times by all persons concerned with the Griffith Soccer Club as stated in the Code of Conduct. (See Article XI Code of Conduct.)

Section 6: Uniforms for all Griffith Soccer Club teams shall consist of shirts with logo and number which will be provided by the club, shorts and socks consistent with Griffith Soccer Club colors as maybe subject to change by the club form time to time.

Section 7: In order for Griffith Soccer Club jerseys to be used for any organized soccer play the Executive Board's permission must be obtained.

Article III

Section 1: The division of players shall be ruled by the age of each individual player. The date of eligibility for each player shall be determined by the Northwest Indiana Soccer Association, Indiana Youth Soccer Association, or United States Soccer Association. However, according to these By-Laws, each player shall be assigned to a team that includes players born within twelve months of that date as so designated by the Northwest Indiana Soccer Association, Indiana Youth Soccer Association, or United States Soccer Association, and of the same chronological age as that player. Current (one year including a fall and spring season) team rosters shall not be broken up except to be filled by new players, as needed, openings of Select teams or as directed by the Executive Board.

The Player Representative under the guidance of the Executive Board shall assign players according to this ruling.

Section 2: Letters of team transfers:

- A) A player may request off a team with a letter of request signed by a parent/guardian and submitted to the Executive Board for the following reasons:
 - 1) Request to move up in age division.
 - 2) Conflict with team coach/players
- B) Requests to a specific team will only be considered to keep siblings of similar ages together if desired by parent/guardian.
- C) Request will be subject to roster limitation/availability of teams.

All other requests will be reviewed by the Executive Board before the rosters are turned in to NWISL.

Section 3: Each team shall consist of no more than the maximum number of players allowed under the By-Laws of the Northwest Indiana Soccer Association.

Section 4: Select Team/Coach Process:

- A) **Coaches:** Persons interested in Select coach position need to submit a letter of soccer/coaching qualifications to the Executive Board. The person the Griffith Soccer Club would select preferably would have a state soccer license and present coaching experience. However, requirements could be coaching experience and presently active in the Griffith Soccer Club. This letter should be submitted by March 15 and the coach selection completed by April 1.
- B) Select teams will be selected through coaches' evaluations, evaluation reports, and scouting by selected coach. Intended roster must be submitted to Player Representative by first published registration date. A list of twenty (20) players should be submitted in order of preference with suggested maximum roster of fifteen (15) players being chosen.
- C) Recreational coaches that have players on the Select waiting list will be notified (notation of an asterisk beside the player's name with a footnote at the bottom of the roster) that the player could be removed from the team for the Spring season.
- D) The player selection process will be determined in January of each year by the Executive Board.

Article IV INSTRUCTIONAL B/U8

Law 1 – The Field of Play

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Field Size: 45 yds. L x 35 yds. W

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of four (4) yards is marked around it.

The Goal Area: A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line three (3) yards from the inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of three (3) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.

The Penalty Area: none.

Flag posts: none.

The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corners and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The recommended distance between the posts is eighteen (18) feet and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet. Goals may be smaller in dimension.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size four (4).

Law 3 – The Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than six players. There are goalkeepers.

Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited.

Law 4 – The Players’ Equipment: Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Law 5 – The Referee: An OFFICIAL (Game Manager or Coordinator or Parent or Coach or Grade 9 referee) may be used. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees: None.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match: The match shall be divided into four (2) equal, twenty (20) minute halves. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 – Offside: None.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick. The referee/coach/parent must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that all kicks are direct and all opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick: None.

Law 15 – The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA with the exception that an improperly performed throw-in can be retaken once.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents must remain outside the goal area and at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 18 – Age of Players: Conform to IYSA eligibility guidelines.

Law 19 – Move Ups: Teams will move up to Northwest by team rosters and kept together if possible.

Law 20 - CONDUCT

- A. Opposing parents/coaches and players shall shake hands after each game.
- B. Do not record league standings or final scores.
- C. Participation awards only for all players.

- D. All coaches, parents and spectators shall encourage and enjoy the activity of the youngsters.
- E. No alcoholic beverages.
- F. No smoking.

Article V

INSTRUCTIONAL A/U6

Law 1 – The Field of Play:

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Field Size: 45 yds. L x 35 yds. W

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of four (4) yards is marked around it.

The Goal Area: None.

The Penalty Area: None.

Flag posts: None.

The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corners and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The recommended distance between the posts is eighteen (18) feet and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet. Goals may be smaller in dimension.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size three (3).

Law 3 – The Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than five players. There are NO goalkeepers.

Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited.

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. Teams and games may be coed.

Law 4 – The Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Law 5 – The Referee: An OFFICIAL (Game Manager or Coordinator or Parent or Coach or Grade 9 referee) may be used. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees: None.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match: The match shall be divided into four (4) equal, ten (10) minute quarters. There shall be two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 – Offside: None.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick. The referee/coach/parent must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that all free kicks are direct and opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick: None.

Law 15 – Throw in: Conform to FIFA with the opponents four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: The goal kick should be taken within 2-3 yards of the goal line anywhere across the width of the field of play at the nearest point from where the ball was retrieved. Opposing players must be four (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 18 – Age of Players: Conform to IYSA

Law 19 –U.S. YOUTH SOCCER RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Opposing parents, coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
- B. Do not record league standings.
- C. Do not record final scores.
- D. Participation awards to ALL PLAYERS – no trophies or awards for best teams only.
- E. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed or smoking allowed near the playing area.

Article VI

INSTRUCTIONAL PEE-WEE U5

LAW 1 – THE FIELD

- A. **Dimensions:** The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being 30 yds. and its width 20 yds.
- B. **Markings:**
 - 1. Distinctive lines not more than 5 inches wide.

2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 3. A center circle with a 3 yd. radius.
 4. Four corner arcs with a 2 foot radius.
 5. Goal area – NONE
- C. Goals: Hockey goals.

LAW 2 – THE BALL

- A. Size three (3).

LAW 3 – NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any time – Four (4), with no goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed 12.
- C. Substitution:
 1. Injuries.
 2. See Law VII.
- D. Playing time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. A minimum of 2 quarters playing, one on defense, one on offense. Time played as goalie does not count as field time.
- E. Teams and games may be same sex or co-ed, per board approval.

LAW 4 – PLAYERS EQUIPMENT – CONFORM TO FIFA WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Footwear: Soft-cleat soccer shoes or tennis shoes.
- B. Shin guards: MANDATORY!!

LAW 5 – REFEREE

- A. Under 14 Griffith player, current or past.
- B. Parent, Coach or Assistant.
- C. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW 6 – LINESMAN

- A. Not necessary.

LAW 7 - The game shall be divided into 4 equal, 8 minute quarters.

- A. There shall be a 2 minute break between quarters 1 and 2, and quarters 3 and 4.
- B. There shall be a half time break of 5 minutes between quarters 2 and 3.
- C. U.S. Youth Soccer recommends that parent/coaches substitute between quarters to ensure that all players present play a minimum of 50 % of the game.

LAW 8 – THE START OF PLAY – CONFORM TO FIFA WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:

- A. Opponents must be 3 yds. from the center mark while kickoff is in progress.

LAW 9 – BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY –Kick-in: a kick-in is considered as a direct kick (See law 15)

LAW 10 – METHOD OF SCORING

- A. No scores kept.

LAW 11 – OFF SIDE

- A. There shall be no off side called.

LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- A. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents 3 yds. away.
- B. The referee/coach/parent must explain ALL infractions to the offending player and both coaches.
- C. There will be no slide tackling allowed.

LAW 13 – FREE KICKS – CONFORM TO FIFA WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Shall be classified under one heading – INDIRECT.
- B. A goal may not be scored from an indirect kick until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.

LAW 14 – PENALTY KICK

- A. No Penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

LAW 15 – THROW IN

- A. Replaced by a kick in. Kick in considered as an indirect free kick with the opponent 5 yds. away from the ball.

LAW 16 – GOAL KICK – CONFORM TO FIFA WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Opponents must be 3 yds. away from the ball.

LAW 17 – CORNER KICK

- A. No corner kicks. Throw in (kick in) will be taken in place of corner kick.

LAW 18 – TEAMS: Conform to IYSA eligibility

- A. Players to be ages 4 or 5 as of July 31st of respective sign-up year, with no previous organized soccer experience.
- B. Team selection: Adult coaches to have option of their own child. Sibling options will be automatic. The two Instructional Representatives will jointly organize teams.

LAW 19 – U.S. YOUTH SOCCER RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Opposing parents/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
- B. Do not record league standings.
- C. Do not record final score.
- D. Participation awards for ALL – no trophies or awards for best teams only.
- E. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed or smoking allowed near the playing area.