Playing Rules Variations for 8v8 Matches

All 8v8 matches will follow standard FIFA rules with the following modifications for the 8v8 format.

Fall Season: U11 and Younger, Spring Season: U10 and Younger

Field of Play

Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 80 yards nor less than 70 yards and its width not more than 50 yards nor less than 35 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. (Recommend size is 80x50).

Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field. A center circle with a eight (8) yard radius. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.

Goal Area: Six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

Penalty Area: Fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

Penalty Spot: Ten (10) yards from the midpoint between the goal posts and equidistant to them.

Penalty Arc: Arc of a circle with a radius of eight (8) yards from the center of the Penalty Spot drawn outside the Penalty Area.

Goals: Between six (6) feet high and eighteen (18) feet wide up to seven (7) feet high and twenty-one (21) feet wide (Recommend size 7x21).

Agreement To Play: If the above requirements are not satisfied and the managers or coaches of both teams choose to play the match, the result of the match shall be deemed official and cannot be protested.

Number of players: The maximum of 8 players on the field (one being the goal keeper). Teams will play with a minimum of 5 players.

Restart of Game

Free Kicks: Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

Corner Kick: Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball

Goal Kick: All goal kicks will be per FIFA, and taken from within the Goal

Area

<u>All U8 and U9 matches ONLY</u> will follow standard FIFA rules with the following additional modifications. (U10 and U11 will not have these additional modifications)

Throw-In: One re-throw allowed per restart.

NO PENALTY KICKS: Direct kicks caused by infractions in the penalty area shall be taken on the edge of the penalty area from closest point to the infraction.

Slide tackles: Will not be permitted.

Goal Kicks: Goal Kicks may be taken from anywhere within the Penalty area. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.