



**STAFFORD AREA SOCCER ASSOCIATION (SASA)**  
**RECREATION AND CLASSIC DIVISION RULES**

- C. Timekeeping: Continuously running clock, which is kept by the referee. Referee may adjust playing time to account for delays due to injuries or other unusual circumstances, at their discretion.
- D. Complete games.
  - 1). Regular season games: if one-half or more of a game is played and the game is then suspended by the referee due to unusual circumstances (inclement weather, etc.), then the results of the game shall stand. Games that are suspended before one-half is played will be rescheduled and replayed in their entirety.
  - 2). Playoff or championship games: if ½ or more of a game is played before suspended by the referee due to unusual circumstances (inclement weather, etc.), then results of the game stand. Association officials will decide whether games suspended before ½ is played are rescheduled. If rescheduled, the game will start from the point of suspension.

**LAW VIII - START OF PLAY.**

- A. Kick-offs: **U06 – U09:** Team that elects, or is provided the kickoff at the coin toss will kick off 1st and 4th quarters; opposing team will kick off 2nd and 3rd quarters.
- B. Start time: Games will start as scheduled. A 10-minute grace period may be provided, at the discretion of the referee, for the first game of the day at the field only if one or both teams do not have the required number of players to start the game.

**LAW IX - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY.** Conform to FIFA.

**LAW X - METHOD OF SCORING.** **U06 & U08:** No score kept. **U06 – U09:** No scoring directly from kick-offs.

**LAW XI – OFFSIDE.** **U06 - U09:** No offside and no protecting goal area (i.e., players in goal area with no opposing players). Play/coaching which appears to intentionally attempt to gain unfair advantage considered unsporting conduct.

**LAW XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT.** Abusive behavior towards referees or other participants will **not** be tolerated! What constitutes abusive behavior is solely at the discretion of the referee. Reference SASA Bylaws and Operations Manual regarding suspensions and Disciplinary Point System.

- A. Dissent: Players or coaches that direct dissent specifically about a game situation or at an official will be sent off the field and may be shown the red card, as circumstances warrant, in the opinion of the referee.
- B. Dissent/abusive behavior by parents or other spectators: Parents or other spectators who direct dissent specifically at an official, or who demonstrate abusive behavior will be required to leave the area. Failure to do so in a timely manner will result in the responsible coach being sent off and suspension of the game by the referee, at his or her discretion.
- C. Slide tackles: **U06 – U09:** No slide tackles. **All:** No slide tackles from behind
- D. Goal area infraction (see Law XI above): Indirect (**U06 – U09**) kick awarded to opposing team.

**LAW XIII - FREE KICKS.** Conform to FIFA except **U06 – U09:** All kicks are indirect; **U06 – U09:** Opponent at least 4 yards away from spot of kick; **U10 – U13:** Opponent at least 8 yards away.

**LAW XIV - PENALTY KICK.** **U06 – U09:** No penalty kicks.

**LAW XV - THROW-IN.** **U06:** No throw-ins. Kick-in awarded to team gaining possession at the spot ball went into touch (e.g., out). **U08/U09:** Rethrows permitted for incorrect throw-ins after the improper method is explained to the player.

**LAW XVI - GOAL KICK.** **U06:** No goal kicks.

**LAW XVII - CORNER KICK.** Conform to FIFA except, opponents remain 4 yds (**U06 – U09**) or 8 yds (**U10 – U13**) from ball.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

- A. Alcohol or tobacco use is prohibited at SASA activities. Loud noise makers (such as megaphones) also prohibited.
- B. Coaching during game: **U06-U09:** One coach per team permitted on each field. **U10 & above:** “Tactical instructions” permitted from one yard off touchline and 20 yards either side of midfield (midfield to 20 yards towards goal on team side, if both teams on same side of field).
- C. Team area: **REC:** Teams normally on opposite sides of the field. Home team has choice of side. **CD:** Teams on one side spectators on the other side. Players and spectators must remain within the area that is defined by an imaginary line five feet behind their touchline and the outer penalty box lines at each end of the field.
- D. Resolution of Tie Games: (1) Regular season: No overtime/Tie-breakers; (2) Playoff or championship games: Two 5 minute overtime periods, followed by a penalty kick tie-breaker if score still tied at completion of both overtime periods. Overtime procedures will conform to FIFA, as described in “Laws of the Game.” Normal substitution is permitted during overtime.
- E. Jewelry: No jewelry may be worn in SASA games, except medical bracelets.
- F. Referee or Coach (if no referee) should make the call to cancel a game if wet fields could compromise safety or field integrity.