



# ORANGE COUNTY

## 7U,8U,9U,10U,11U, 12U Rules and Bylaws:

Games will be played with FIFA laws with the following bylaws:

1. Only players registered & assigned to the team may play. No guest players permitted.
2. Coaches are not permitted on the field of play during games. Unless beckoned by the referee to treat an injured player..
3. Teams must be on opposite sides of the field. The home team will have the first choice of sides. Spectators must stay at their team's side, no one allowed behind or around the goals.
4. The home team must provide the game balls, and will have the choice of which side to attack. The away team will start the first kickoff.
5. Substitutions can be made at any game stoppage with a prior referee permission.
6. Players must wear soccer cleats, No football or baseball cleats allowed. Shin-guards are mandatory.
7. Heading is not permitted. Any heading will result in an indirect free kick.
8. Soccer ball size - 3 **Bownet Lite ball** shall be used for 7U and 8U; 4 **Bownet Lite ball** shall be used for 9U and older (provided).
9. Equal playing time rule - All squad members must receive equal playing time with at least 50% per player for each game.
10. All positions rule - All squad members must be given regular experience playing in all positions ( including goalkeeper as applicable to those who wish to).
11. Equal numbers rule - If a team has too few players, the other must lend them willing subs or withdraw players to make numbers even.
12. Referees are not to coach the players, they may overlook incidental handballs and inaccurate throw-ins for the sake of the game-flow and fun for the kids.
13. The referee decisions are final. The referee will report the scores to the field coordinator and the coach should check for a correct score, prior to leaving the field. Coaches are encouraged to keep the score close and no more than a 4-goal differential.
14. The format of play shall be in accordance with the LA Galaxy OC Format of Play table\*\*\*.
15. The Penalty area = 10 yards from corner flag along sideline and across the width of the field and will be marked by discs.
16. Goal-Kicks will be taken 5 yards from the goal line.
17. Any infringement directly in front of the goal within the penalty area will result in a direct penalty kick. The penalty kick mark is 10 yards from the goal line
18. All Free-Kicks are indirect. Opponents must be 8 yards away from the ball.
19. Build out line will apply in divisions 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U- see additional instructions

\*\*\* In case of very hot weather, 9U - 12U games may be played with 4x12 minutes periods with 2 minutes breaks at LA Galaxy OC or assigned referees discretion.