

Hendersonville Soccer Club

Rules of Play

Whereas the Hendersonville Soccer Club is affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation, league games will be played according to <https://www.fifa.com/en/laws/menu.htm> unless otherwise specified in these Rules of Play:

Law 1: The Field of Play

- Field size may be modified by the Board of Directors to meet the needs of a given division.
- Spectators are to remain two yards from the touchlines.
- No Coaches, Players, or Spectators are allowed behind the goal line.
- Coaches are to remain on their respective halves of the field between the midfield line and the penalty area line. There may be online one head coach and one assistant coach on the team side of the field during games.

Law 2: The Ball:

- The game ball is provided by the home team at the beginning of the game. The home team is listed first on the schedule.
 - Ball Size #3 – Will be used in the U4, U5, U6 and U7 Divisions
 - Ball size #4 – Will be used in the U8, U9, U10, U11 and U12 Divisions
 - Ball size #5 – Will be used in the U13 and older divisions

Law 3: - Number of Players

- A lesser number of players may be designated for play by the Board of Directors.
- If the minimum number of players is not present fifteen (15) minutes after game time, the game is a forfeit for record purposes. The players present should be divided into teams and the match played.
- In an U10 or younger match, no one player shall play goal keeper more than one quarter per game.
- All players must play three (3) quarters before any player plays four (4) quarters.

Law 4 – Players Equipment

- Players will not be allowed to practice or play games with a cast even if it is padded.

Law 7 – Duration of Match

- Matches shall be divided into two equal halves. Players may leave the field and take a break during the half interval.
- Each half is divided into two quarters, but the quarters do not have to be equal in time. The quarter break is called at a stoppage of play approximately half way into the half. Stoppage of play could be a throw-in, corner kick, goal kick, after a score or after an injury.
- The quarter interval shall be two (2) minutes. Players will not be allowed to leave the field of play during the quarter interval.
- **Half Time Interval is 5 minutes**

- U4 – 10 Min Halves
- U5-U8 – 16 Min Halves
- U9-U10 – 25 Min Halves
- U11-U14 – 30 Min Halves
- U15-U17 – 30 Min Halves
- U18-U19 – 30 Min Halves

Law 11 – Offside:

- Offside will not be called in a U8 or younger match

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

- If a player plays the ball while on the ground this will be deemed as playing in a dangerous manner.

Law 13 – Free Kicks

- All free kicks in the U8 and younger divisions will be indirect kicks
- When a free kick is awarded in a U8 division match or younger within the penalty area, the kick shall be taken at the point of the penalty area line which runs parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.
- Minimum distance for all opponents from the ball during a free kick.
 - U6 or younger – Five Yards
 - U10 or younger – Eight Yards

Law 14 – Penalty Kick

- A penalty kick will be awarded only in the U9 division and older

Law 16 – Goal Kick

- A goal kick shall be taken anywhere within the penalty area in the U8 division and younger. The defending team has to be on their own half of the field and cannot move into their opponents half until the ball is put into play.

Law 17 – Substitutions

- U8 and Below - Substitutions will be made at the beginning of each quarter.
- U10 and Above - Substitutions will be made under the following provisions:
 - Where: At halfway line
 - How: With ref permission
 - When:
 - 1. Goal kick
 - 2. Your throw in
 - 3. After a goal
 - 4. Injury (equal number of subs)