



I AM 3RD



League Rules & Guidelines

We use most FIFA Laws with some modifications.

Law I - The Ball:

Athens & LCA Locations, 4yr, 5yr, 6yr-1 st Grade league:	Size 3
Athens & LCA Locations, 2 nd through 5 th grade league:	Size 4
Athens & LCA Locations, 6 th -8 th grade league:	Size 5

Law II - Number of Players: Both Locations

4yr:	4v4 with NO Goalkeeper
5yr:	5v5 with NO Goalkeeper
6yrs-1st:	6v6 (includes goalkeeper)
2nd-3rd:	8v8 (includes goalkeeper)
4th-5th Boys:	9v9 (includes goalkeeper)
4th-5th Girls:	9v9 (includes goalkeeper)
6th-8th Boys:	9v9 (includes goalkeeper)
6th-8th Girls:	10v10 (includes goalkeeper)

Substitutions:

- May occur at any natural stoppage in play, either team may substitute but it is only when the referee acknowledges the opportunity.

Playing time

- Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time of each game.

Law III-Player's Equipment:

- Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes are allowed
- Shin guards: Shin guards are mandatory for players during all games & practices.

Law IV- The Referee

- A referee or referees will be supplied for all games of all ages except the 4 and 5 year old divisions. These divisions will have coaches used as the referee.

Sportsmanship:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, harassment, or any disrespectful actions directed toward the Referee will be not be tolerated. Coaches, assistant coaches and unruly spectators will be asked to leave if they fail to comply with these rules.
- Failure to comply will result in referee or I am 3rd Staff giving a warning. If after the warning and refusal to comply, the Referee or I am 3rd Staff has the authority to remove a coach, an assistant coach, parent, or fan from the soccer fields for unruly behavior.
- Any player or coach removed from a game for any reason shall be suspended for one (1) additional game. They may only be reinstated to coach, after the incident has been reviewed by an I Am 3rd Staff Member. Further disciplinary action may be taken.

Law V -Duration of the Game:

4/ 5 year old league:	Four 6 minute quarters.
6 yr-1st Grade League:	Four 8 minute quarters.
2nd-3rd Grade League:	Four 10 minute quarters.
4th-5th Grade League:	Four 12 minute quarters.
6th-8th Grade League:	Two 25 minute halves

There shall be a maximum of 2 minute breaks between quarters and 5 minutes at the half.

Law VI -The Start of Play: Opponent must be outside of the center circle while kick-off is in progress. All kick-offs are indirect.

Law VII -Off-Side: Offside will be called for 4th-8th Grade Divisions at the discernment of the head referee. This infraction will be called for obvious offenses where the opponent is intentionally trying to gain an advantage... AKA = *snow birding*.

Law VIII-Fouls and Misconduct: Slide tackling is only allowed for the 4th-8th Grade Divisions.

Law IX -Free Kicks: All free kicks outside of penalty box will be direct for **All Ages:** U4, U5, 6yo – 1st, 2nd - 3rd Grade, 4th – 5th Grade and 6th – 8th Grade divisions. Free kicks that occur inside the "goal box" will be placed at marked location. For all other divisions, they will have a "penalty box". Major offenses that occur inside the penalty box will be awarded a penalty kick (see below). Major offenses are: handling, tripping, or kicking. Opponents must be 10 yards away (or 10 feet away for U4 and U5) on all free kicks.

A deliberate Back-Pass to the goalkeeper who picks it up with hands will result in a direct free kick from the location of the pass. However this will not result in a penalty kick if in the penalty box. This infringement will be moved to closest location outside the box.

Law X -Penalty Kicks: True "Penalty kicks" will *only* be awarded for 4th - 8th Grade Divisions. All penalty kicks will be taken from the penalty marker on the field and players must leave the penalty area. For all other divisions (4yrs-3rd Grade), when a penalty is committed inside the box, a direct kick will be awarded and taken from a marked spot, however players shall remain in the box.

Law XI -Throw-Ins: Throw-ins will be conducted according to FIFA regulations. Proper throw-ins consist of: Ball brought fully behind players' head, with both feet down (1 foot allowed to drag behind) at all times throughout the throw in and both feet are outside the playing area.

Law XII-Goal Kick: Opponents must be outside of the goal box. Opponents are not allowed to touch the ball until the ball is completely outside the box.

Law XIII-Corner Kick: Corner kicks will be awarded for the appropriate times.

Weather Guidelines: If raining, the game will still be played.

Weather Delays – See Weather Policy posted online.

- The decision to cancel a game is determined by the I am 3rd Staff Field Director.
- There are several reasons and circumstances under which a game will be cancelled/postponed:
 - If there is any lightning in the area, Retention of water on the fields, or if the Temperature is under 40 degrees.

- Dogs are NOT allowed at either LCA or Athens locations.

- No Smoking or Tobacco product use at any of our facilities.

