

Instructional Division Rules (updated 22-Jul-08)

The following modifications to the rules and “laws of the game” apply to the LYSA Instructional Division. This document is intended to supplement, not replace the SAY Rulebook.

Rule 8: Games will be played as two games of 3 v. 3. Each team is to be broken into 4 and 5 year olds. The 4 year olds will play on one field and the 5 year olds will play on the other field. More aggressive 4 year olds may play in the 5 year old game and less aggressive 5 year olds may play in the 4 year old game.

Each field is 20 x 30 yards, and there will be two fields occupying the same space as our old 30 x 50 fields. Parents and coaches will be in the center area of the field to allow parents to watch both games with minimal effort.

Law 3: There are no goalkeepers for instructional games.

Law 5: One coach from each team will be allowed on each field. There will be a line striped at 10 feet from and parallel to the goal line. No coach is allowed between this line and the nearest goal line. If a coach enters this area, it is the discretion of the ref to award a penalty kick to the attacking team.

Law 7: Quarters are 8 minutes.

Law 8: The kickoff is an indirect kick taken from the center of the halfway line. If the ball does not move forward or if the player taking the kickoff kicks the ball again prior to another player kicking the ball, the kick will be retaken.

Law 11: There is no offsides

Law 15: For a violation on a throw-in, the ref will explain the issue and allow the player to retake the throw-in.

