

Skagit Valley Youth Soccer Assn.
Basic rule variations (2011)
by Age Group

	<u>U-6/7</u>	<u>U-08</u>	<u>U-09</u>	<u>U-10</u>	<u>U-11</u>	<u>U-12</u>	<u>U-13/14</u>	<u>U-15/16</u>	<u>U-17/18</u>
Match Duration	4 x 8 Min. 4 x 10 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 25 Min.	2 x 30 Min.	2 x 30 Min.	2 x 35 Min.	2 x 40 Min.	2 x 45 Min.
Ball Size	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total # of Field Players	3	4	6	6	9	11	11	11	11
Incorrect throw-in	Retake*	Retake*	Retake**	Retake**	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA
Free Kicks	IFK only	IFK only	IFK only	IFK only	Per FIFA PK @ 10yds	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA	Per FIFA
Offside enforced	No	No	No***	No***	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slide Tackle	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	NOT Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed

*In addition to allowing the player to retake the throw, please instruct player as to their mistake. At U-08 and below, allow 1 retake. Play on after that, even if still incorrect. We don't want half of the match taken up with throw-ins. Since incorrect throw-ins will never result in a change of possession at this level, it is acceptable for a coach and/or referee to give instructions to players prior to the throw if it will help teach the player and keep the game flowing.

**At U-09 and U-10, coaches will meet with the referee prior to start of match and agree on procedure. It is intended that for the first 2 weeks of the season, players will be given a lot of 'leeway' and be allowed to retake an incorrect throw-in (with instructional statements about the error). After the first 2 weeks, throw-ins should be enforced per FIFA (incorrect throw-ins shall result in a change of possession). Any player guilty of an incorrect throw-in should still be instructed about the error to facilitate learning.

***Although the offside rule is not enforced, the spirit / intent of it will be. Positioning a player in front of the opponent's goal, irrespective of the location of the ball on the field, will not be allowed. (A.K.A. "cherry picking") An IFK will be awarded to the offended team and instructional statements given to the violating players and coach.

(All Ages) Injury stoppage (or any other unusual situation): If one team is clearly in possession of the ball, the game shall be restarted with an IFK by the team in possession of the ball at the point where the ball was when play was suspended. Should there not be clear possession at the time play is suspended due to an injury or any unusual situation, there will be a drop ball at the spot where the ball was declared dead.