

**House League Playing Rules**  
**Version 3**  
**March 21, 2010**  
**Summary of Key Changes**

General changes:

- Changed the wording of MINI, JUNIOR FIELD and FULL FIELD to 7-a-side, 9-a-side, and 11-a-side respectively.
- U11 – U12 division(s) now defined as 9-a-side.
- U15 – U18 division(s) now subject to same equal play rules and monitored substitutions as other divisions with referees responsible for recording them on the game sheets.
- Several other minor wording and formatting changes and updates

Sec. 1.2.1      Wording change to include reference to FIFA, CSA, and OSA laws and guidelines regarding players' equipment to highlight the concern over hair clips, bracelets, necklaces, watches, rings and facial piercings, etc. as items that will require removal. Refers the reader to reference material on the Referee page of the Club's web site.

Sec. 1.2.2      Reword to show age groups using ball size #4 in point c).

Sec. 1.2.4      More clearly defined limitations on where the teams and spectators must take up their position and the area from where team coaches can do their coaching.

Sec. 1.2.5      Added point e) whereby referees are responsible for recording absences and call-ups on the game sheet for all divisions.

Sec. 1.2.6      Redefining Equal Play rules for the U15-U18 division(s) which will now play under similar rules to all the other age groups. Some rewording to several points in this section was needed to accommodate these changes.

Sec. 1.2.8      Added a paragraph to deal with short-handed games in the 9-a-side divisions.

Sec. 1.2.9 a)    Added what is included in the 10 minute pre-game grace period.

Sec. 1.2.9 b)

- Added 9-a-side wording concerning minimum number of players needed before default.
- Changed minimum number needed for 7-a-side (from 4 to 5) to conform with OSA guidelines

Sec. 1.2.9 c)    Added responsibility for turning in the game sheet for a defaulted game.

Sec. 1.2.10     Added wording to refer to other sections for defining "game start and end time"

Sec. 1.2.13     Added 9-a-side to the footnote of this section and adjusted wording for other divisions.

Sec. 3 – Outdoor House League

- Combined previous sections 3 and 4 into three subsections within this section:
  - 7-a-side

- 9-a-side
- 11-a-side
- Removed “Option 2 (4 periods)” from the 7-a-side division
- Introduced referee discretion to allow a game to finish past the scheduled start time of a second game on the same field.
- Significant changes to the U15 – U18 age groups.

Sec. 4 – Indoor (previous sec. 5)

- Subsection 4.1 b) – For all divisions U9 – U18 - clarified end time of game. Does **not** have to be exactly “on the hour”; can be before, but not after.
- For Under-9, Point 1 – corrected playing time from 40 minutes to 30

Appendix A: Generalized when the new FIFA rules take effect so we do not have to update this annually. Also introduced when in the cycle the new rules are effective for our Indoor season.