



## MSSL Rules Quick Sheet

| Rules                     | Pre-K / Kindergarten  | 1st/2nd Grade   | 3rd/4th Grade  | 5th/6th Grade  | 7th/8th Grade  |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Game Length</b>        | (4) 10 minute quarters  | 4 (12 minute quarters)  | (2) 25 minute halves                                       | (2) 30 minute halves                                       | (2) 35 minute halves                                       |
| <b>Ball Size</b>          | #3  | #3  | #4   | #5   | #5   |
| <b># Players on Field</b> | 3v3 (no goalie)   | 4v4 (no goalie)   | 7v7 (including goalie)                                     | 8v8 (including goalie)                                     | 11v11 (including goalie)                                   |
| <b>Offsides</b>           | No - However intentional offsides will not be tolerated   | No - However intentional offsides will not be tolerated   | Yes - US Soccer rules apply                                | Yes - US Soccer rules apply                                | Yes - US Soccer rules apply                                |
| <b>Penalty Kicks</b>      | No - Indirect kick awarded at point of foul   | No - Indirect kick awarded at point of foul   | Yes - at the referee's discretion                          | Yes - at the referee's discretion                          | Yes - at the referee's discretion                          |
| <b>Fouls</b>              | Instructional - call fouls and explain. Indirect kicks awarded  | Instructional - call fouls and explain. Indirect kicks awarded  | Yes - US Soccer rules apply                                | Yes - US Soccer rules apply                                | Yes - US Soccer rules apply                                |
| <b>Throw-ins</b>          | Yes - retry if not done correctly   | Yes - retry if not done correctly   | Yes - call infractions                                     | Yes - call infractions                                     | Yes - call infractions                                     |
| <b>Goal Kicks</b>         | Taken in the penalty box, awarded to the team who's side the ball went out on. Build out line is mid field. | Taken in the penalty box, awarded to the team who's side the ball went out on. Build out line is mid field. | Taken in the penalty box, build out line is in play.       | Taken in the penalty box, build out line is not in play.   | Taken in the penalty box, build out line is not in play.   |
| <b>Corner Kicks</b>       | At coaches discretion   | At coaches discretion   | Corner Flag  | Corner Flag  | Corner Flag  |
| <b>Substitutions</b>      | Any dead ball.  | Any dead ball.  | Any dead ball situation, except fouls. Must notify referee | Any dead ball situation, except fouls. Must notify referee | Any dead ball situation, except fouls. Must notify referee |
| <b>Keeper Rules</b>       | No goalie.  | No goalie.  | 6 seconds to release ball, pass back rules apply.          | 6 seconds to release ball, passback rules apply            | 6 seconds to release the ball, passback rules apply        |
| <b>Headers</b>            | No headers  | No headers  | No headers   | Headers allowed<br>*No headers in Villa Park               | Headers allowed<br>*No headers in Villa Park               |

**Eye glasses are permitted but must be strapped.**

**FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PLAYERS—THERE IS NO SLIDE TACKLING ALLOWED AT ANY LEVEL!**