



GRN League Rules 2026 Fall Season [August 31st]

All FIFA Laws Of The Game 2025-26 Will Be In Effect Unless Otherwise Stated

Law #1: The Field Of Play

- * 50 x 100 yard field should be used, or as close as possible to this size. 8 x 24 foot goals should be used, or as close as possible to this size.

Law #2: The Ball

- * Under 12 (U12) Division will use a size #4 ball. Under 15 (U15) Division will use a size #5 ball.

Law #3: Field Players

- * A game may not start or continue if either team has fewer than seven players.
- * Both the Under 12 (U12) and Under 15 (U15) Divisions will play 11v11.
- * A proportional number of the team's girls and boys players must be on the field.
- * A player isn't permitted to participate on 2 teams within the same division.
- * No guest players.
- * Each player must wear a team jersey with a number.
- * No duplicate numbers.
- * No taped on numbers
- * No more than 3 club-level players are permitted to be part of any team.

Law #4: The Players Equipment

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.
- * In the event of a team colors conflict the home team will be required to wear an alternate color, jersey or vest.

Law #5: The Referee

- * The home team will supply 1-3 Referees per game.
- * If there is just 1 Referee, the Referee can decide whether or not to request an adult volunteer from each team to help as Linesmen, out-of-play calls only.
- * A Referee should be USSF certified if possible.
- * A Referee should be an adult if possible.
- * If the Referee is a teenager, they must be at least 3 years older than the age of the game they are officiating.
- * Should there be an incident when a Referee was grossly incompetent or the player safety was jeopardized, it should be reported to the home game program Director to address.

Law #6: The Assistant Referees

- * When having 3 Referees, 1 Center Referee, and 2 Linesmen.

Law #7: The Duration Of The Match

- * Both the Under 12 (U12) and Under 15 (U15) Divisions will play two 35-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime
- * Under 12 (U12) Division game days will be Saturdays, unless needing to use a weeknight/s.
- * Under 15 (U15) Division game days will be primarily Saturdays, with one or more weeknight games.

Law #8: The Start And Re-Start Of Play

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #9: The Ball In And Out Of Play

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #10: The Method Of Scoring

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.
- * Because the GRN League is a recreational-level league, and each program operates somewhat differently, no standings will be kept.

Law #11: Offside

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #12: Fouls And Misconduct

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.
- * Because the GRN League is a recreational-level league, the officiating should be done accordingly.
- * No slide kicking or tackling.
- * No heading for the Under 12 (U12) Division. Heading is permitted for the Under 15 (U15) Division.

Law #13: Free Kicks

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #14: The Penalty Kick

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #15: The Throw-In

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #16: The Goal Kick

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Law #17: Corner Kick

- * Refer to FIFA Laws Of The Game.

Weather Rules

- * **Lighting:** At first sighting, a game must be suspended and players moved to a car or indoor location, and the game not resumed until 30 minutes have elapsed after the last sighting. If a game is suspended for more than 30 minutes, the game will be canceled.

*** Inclement Weather And Field Conditions:** Should it be necessary for the home team to cancel a game, due to inclement weather and/or field conditions, the home team representative must contact the visiting team's representative at least 3 hours in advance. Should it be necessary to cancel a game at halftime or later, the game will be considered completed. Should the game end before halftime, the home and visiting teams coaches can jointly agree to a reschedule date/time/location. The home team's coach can submit the reschedule request to their program director for approval. Once a reschedule date has been agreed to and approved, the visiting team's coach is to update their program's director.

Miscellaneous Rules

*** Game Confirmation:** The visiting team representative should contact the home team representative 2 days in advance of their game to confirm the date/time/location to help avoid game day scheduling issues.

*** Spectator Seating:** Spectators must sit on the opposite side of the field from the teams, and not with their teams, nor on the ends of the field.

*** Team And Spectator Trash:** Whether a visiting or home team, out of courtesy of the hosting program, all should do a post-game trash sweep for trash and team items.

*** Flag And Banner:** Only appropriate soccer-related flags or banners are permitted to be displayed at the NWYSA field.

*** Game Situation:** Should a team have a coach, player, parent, or referee situation, they should be reported to their Program's Director, with the involved Program Directors addressing the situation.