

Taos Youth Soccer League

Laws of the Game

THE FOULS

U-6, U-8: All fouls committed are to be classified as direct.

U-6, U-8: No Penalty Kicks

U-6, U-8, U-10: No Offside

U-6, U-8, U-10, U12, U14: No Heading of the ball

U-10, U12, U14: Punting or drop-kicking the ball is not allowed

Penalty Kick: A penalty kick is to be awarded when a defending player commits one of the nine major fouls within his or her own penalty area while the ball is still in play.

MAJOR FOULS: **Nine major fouls** result in a direct free kick, from which a goal may be directly scored against the opponents. The offense must have been intentionally committed in the referee's judgment as a major foul.

- **Two with the feet**
 - **Kicking** or attempting to kick an opponent.
 - **Tripping** an opponent.
- **Three with the body**
 - **Jumping** at an opponent.
 - **Charging** violently or dangerously. When tackling an opponent or contacting the opponent before the ball.
 - **Charging** from behind.
- **Four with the hands**
 - **Striking** or attempting to strike or spitting at an opponent.
 - **Holding** an opponent.
 - **Pushing** an opponent.
 - **Handling** the ball deliberately. Carries, strikes or propels the ball with hand or arm. (General rule of thumb) Did the ball play the hand (incidental) or did the hand play the ball (intentional).

MINOR FOULS:

Five minor fouls result in an indirect free kick. At least one additional team player must touch the ball before a goal can be scored from an indirect free kick.

- **Dangerous play;** including high kicking near another player's head or trying to play a ball held by a goalkeeper.
- **Fair charge away from the ball;** fairly charging when the ball is not within playing distance.
- **Obstruction;** impeding the progress of an opponent. Intentionally getting between an opponent and the ball when not playing the ball.
- **Charging the goalkeeper;** Shoulder-to-shoulder contact within the penalty area.
- **Goalkeeper infringements:**
 - The goalkeeper has six seconds to punt, throw, kick, or dribble the ball.
 - Goalkeeper playing the ball with his or her hands when the ball is intentionally kicked to by a teammate.
 - Gaining control a second time, unless another player touched or played the ball.

