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Field of Play (Law 1):

- No one shall be allowed behind the end lines during the course of a match.
- Coaches and players will be on opposite side of field from spectators.*

Ball Size (Law 2):

- Size 3 ball shall be used.

Number of Players (Law 3):

- Maximum number on the field – 3
- Number to start match – 3
- Number to finish match – 3

Substitutions (Law 3):

- One quarter per half is the mandated playing time minimum per player.
- There shall be four times to substitute – prior to kick-off at beginning of match; at the end of the first quarter; half time (end of second quarter); and at the end of the third quarter.
- Both teams shall substitute at the same time.
- A team may substitute in case of an injured player. (Note: it is recommended that an injured player still receive his or her minimum playing time if able to return. An injured player may return to the match at any time with the permission of the match official.*)

Player's Equipment (Law 4):

- Players shall wear only soccer specific molded cleats/turfs or tennis shoes.
- Players shall not play with a cast.
- All players must wear shin guards covered ***entirely*** with socks.
- Jewelry and metal hair clips are not permitted.*

Duration of Game (Law 7):

- Four 8 minute quarters.
- Half-time shall last 5 minutes.

Start of Play (Law 8):

- Opponents must be three yards from the center mark while a kick-off is in progress.
- Goals **may** be scored directly from a kick-off.

Method of Scoring (Law 10):

- A team **may not** commit an "own-goal". If a player kicks the ball into his or her defensive goal, a goal will not be awarded to the opposing team. The re-start will be a goal kick.*

Off-Side (Law 11):

- There is no off-side.

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Fouls and Misconduct (Law 12):

- Match officials shall explain all infractions to the offending player.

Free Kick (Law 13):

- All free kicks will be indirect.
- Opponents shall be three yards away from all kicks.
- No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within three yards of the defenders' goal.

Penalty Kick (Law 14):

- No penalty kicks are to be taken during matches.

Throw In (Law 15):

- No throw-in will be used at this level per "New Ball" Method.

Goal Kick (Law 16):

- The kick may be taken within three yards from the goal line and the opponents must be standing at midfield.
- Goals **may** be scored directly from goal kicks.

Corner Kick (Law 17):

- No corner kick will be used at this level per "New Ball" Method.

Sportsmanship (Section 7000):

- Official score is not to be kept. Emphasize having fun and learning the game, ***NOT*** winning.
- All persons in authority will conduct themselves in a manner that will not contribute to the delinquency of minors.
- Offensive, insulting and abusive language will not be tolerated, either on field of play or in field's general area.
- Proper respect for opposing teams and spectators must be exhibited by all.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, team officials and spectators.
- Physical violence, foul and abusive language, or harassment of players or match officials WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- Any player or coach ejected from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next scheduled game. In the event a player or coach refuses to leave the premises after having been ejected by a match official, he shall be automatically suspended from the next 2 games. (Note: Since some coaches coach more than one team, game suspensions will apply to the team for which the coach received the ejection.)
- Anyone not acting within the spirit of the above sportsmanship guidelines may be suspended by the Dacula Soccer Club Board of Directors.*