

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

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: There are nine major fouls that result in a direct free kick, and from which a goal may be directly scored against the opponents. To be a major foul, the offense must have been, in the referee's judgment, committed intentionally.

- **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, making contact with 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:

There are five minor fouls that result in an indirect free kick. At least one additional player of either team 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:**
 - Goalkeeper has six seconds to punt, throw, kick or dribble the ball.
 - Goalkeeper playing the ball with his or her hands when ball is intentionally kicked to by a teammate.
 - Gaining control a second time, unless the ball was touched or played by another player.