

SOCCER

THE LAWS OF THE GAME

Soccer is the most popular sport on our planet and is played worldwide.

Most sports have rules that they go by, soccer has the '**Laws of the Game**'. The **Laws of the Game** are authorized on an annual basis by the [International Football Association Board \(IFAB\)](#) and provided by the Fédération Internationale de Football Associations (FIFA). TSA as a member US Youth Soccer and the Arkansas State Soccer Association plays by these Laws with slight modifications.

There are 17 laws that govern soccer, they are:

- 1- The Field of Play
- 2- The Ball
- 3- The Players
- 4- The Player's Equipment
- 5- The Referee
- 6- The Other Match Officials
- 7- The Duration of the Match
- 8- The Start and Restart of Play
- 9- The Ball In and Out of Play
- 10- Determining the Outcome of a Match
- 11- Offside
- 12- Fouls and Misconduct
- 13- Free Kicks
- 14- The Penalty Kick
- 15- The Throw-In
- 16- The Goal Kick
- 17- The Corner Kick

Each month a different one of these laws will be explained but this month some soccer terminology will be covered.

SOCCKER TERMINOLOGY

Some of the words used to describe soccer internationally are different then what you may be used to. Here is a translation of some basic soccer terms:

Assistant Referee

Caution

Send Off

Derby (pronounced 'darby')

Draw

Extra Time

Fixture

Table

Law

Pitch

An offence

Offside

Shot from the spot

Touchline

Wall Pass

Clean Sheet

Nil

A brace

Hat Trick

Linesman

Yellow Card

Red Card, Ejection

Rivalry between 2 clubs

Tie

Overtime

A scheduled match

League standings

Rule

Playing Field

A foul

Offsides

Penalty Kick

Sideline

Give-and-go

Shut Out

Zero Goals

Scoring 2 goals

Scoring 3 goals