Candy League Rules

*PREFACE*

The intent of Candy League Soccer is to introduce children to the very basic principles or soccer in a non-
competitive environment. Fun and participation are the key ingredients. In an attempt to keep the game fun
without competitive tendencies, no score or league standings will be kept. To promote more participation during
the game, a Micro Soccer format will be used which allows only three (3) players on the field for each team.

*WHY MICRO SOCCER?*

* One ball among 6 players improves the opportunity for all players to dribble, pass and score.
* Good players are less likely to dominate play
* Three per team promotes the form of a triangle - the basic team unit in soccer
* Young children relate to one or two friends at a time better than six people.

**Scrimmage Game**

* The standard field of play will be 20 yards by 30 yards.
* A size #3 ball will be used.
* Three players per team without a goal keeper.
* Only 1 coach from each Candy 3 team is permitted on the field during play. For all other Candy divisions, coaches are not permitted on the field during play. Coaches must remain on the players' side of the field, on their side ofthe half way line. Fans are not permitted on the players' side of the field.
* Two - eighteen minute halves with play stoppage called every three minutes to substitute players. Play
stoppage to be only long enough to substitute players (15 seconds max.) with continual rotation of players.
All players are required to play an equal amount of time unless injury, illness, or disciplinary action is required in which case the opposing coach will be notified.
* Only one referee will be assigned to each game. The referee will be responsible for keeping time and to stop
play at three-minute intervals. Home team is responsible for running a backup clock.
* The referee will stop play every three minutes, independent ofpossession or scoring opportunities for
substitution.
* Substitutions will be made during each three-minute stoppage. Coaches are to have substitute players waiting
at the halfway line to expedite transition. Players will enter after the referee gives permission.
* The team, who had possession of the ball when play was stopped, retains possession after substitutions. Play
will be restarted by an indirect kick taken from the spot on the field where tile ball was stopped at the end ofplay.
* All free kicks will be indirect. The kicking player shall not play the ball a second time until another player has
touched it. The opposing team will allow ample space (at least four yards) for a free kick. The ball will not be
considered in play until it has rolled a distance equal to one circumference ofthe ball. The kick will be retaken
if any infringements of this rule occur.
* A five-minute break will be taken between halves. Teams will switch directions after half time.
* Each half ofplay will begin with a kickoff from the halfway line. A flip of a coin will decide who kicks off
first. Teams will alternate kickoffs for each half. A goal cannot be scored from a kickoff.
* After a goal is scored the ball is brought out to the 4-yard line for a free kick by the team scored against. The
team that scored the goal must not cross the halfway line until the opposing team crosses the halfway line with
the ball.
* When the ball goes out of bounds, whether across the touchline or the goal line, a throw-in is required. All
throw-ins will be taken from the nearest touchline. The player will be given as many attempts as required to
throw the ball in properly. There will be no corner kicks or goal kicks.
* In case or rule violation the opposing team is awarded possession of the ball at the point where the violation
occurred. Play will be started with an indirect kick. If the violation occurs within the four-yard box, the play
will be restarted outside the four-yard line.
* In case of an injury, the referee will stop the play immediately. The clock will stop for injuries. The coach is
allowed on the field to address the injured player after the referee stops play, and signals permission to enter.
Fans are not to enter the field except in situations when requested by the coach.
* The laws of SAY soccer will apply except as modified herein

 Candy Field Dimensions

**Goal line**

**Center Circle 4 yard radius**

**Half Way Line**

**Touchline / Sideline**

**8 ft. Goal**

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**20 yards**

**30 yards**

**4 yd line**

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