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To: COYSA Referees

Subject: Change to the U-11 Division

Starting with the 2004 season all COYSA U-11 games will be played in an 8 v 8 format rather than the previous 11 v 11. Ideally these games will be played on some of our smaller fields with 6-yard wide goals. However, we do not always have all of the fields we need so we will have to make do with what is available.

Other than the number of players and field size, all of the FIFA rules for regular soccer will apply. The variety of fields these games will be played on may lead to some situations where not all of the correct markings are in place. You will need to get to these games early to make sure the Penalty and Goal Areas are marked with cones if the field is not properly marked (make sure you know the correct dimensions!). If the field is narrow, you may need to make the Penalty Area narrower than regulation in order to create a space for players to receive goal kicks. Use your good judgement and knowledge of the game to layout the field in a manner that is compatible with the Spirit of the Game.

Remember, you are in charge and responsible for the field layout. You may listen to suggestions from coaches but you are the final authority. Don't let a coach pressure you into playing with more players or otherwise altering the Laws other than as outlined in this memo.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Dawson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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