



GOALIE PROTECTION RULE

Six Yard Box Keeper Protected Zone,

In the event that a player challenges the keeper for the ball within the 6-yard box, the referee at his or her discretion may choose to penalize the attacking player if in his/her judgement felt that the keeper's safety was in jeopardy by the attacking player. Any goals resulting from the play would be disallowed and a free kick be awarded from the location of the foul.

Officials will be asked to track offenses in the 6-yard box on the game sheet to allow the league monitor repeat offenders. Any player challenging for the ball in the remaining portion of the 18-yard box will be subject to FIFA rules. Officials will be asked to assess the severity of the challenge and discipline as per rules of the game.

In a simpler explanation, Goalies have the right of way in the 6-yard box and will be given the benefit of doubt in all challenges.

Amendment to the Slide Tackle Rule

Offenses committed by the Goalkeepers,

Slide Tackles are not permitted in the MSL Old Boys League. As such we ask that this rule be extended to Keepers who challenges for the ball. Keepers must challenge for the ball using their hands. If a Keeper goes to ground and challenges for the ball by means of sliding using their feet this would be subject to an Indirect Free kick awarded to the opposing team at the location of the infraction. If the infraction would have otherwise warranted a Penalty Kick based on the FIFA Laws of the Game. i.e., the keeper makes contact with a player more than the ball that would have otherwise been a foul regardless of the "Slide Tackle" rule.