

MODIFIED LAWS FOR U7/U8

LAW I : THE FIELD

A. Dimensions:

1. The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than fifty (50) yards, nor less than thirty-five (35) yards and its width not more than forty-five (45) yards, nor less than thirty (30) yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width

RECOMMENDATION: Length: fifty (50) yards. Width: Forty (40) yards.

B. MARKINGS:

1. Distinctive lines necessary, sidelines and end lines, not more than 5" wide. Corner flags are required.
2. A halfway line across the width of the field, halfway from the end lines.
3. A center circle with a six (6) yard radius.
4. A penalty area six (6) yards from the goal post and extending six (6) yards into the field of play, joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
5. Goal area three (3) yards out from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

C. GOALS:

1. Maximum size: Six (6) feet high and twelve (12) feet wide. Must have nets.

LAW II : THE BALL

- A. All will play with a size three (3) ball.

LAW III : NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is five (5), one (1) of whom may be the goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed ten (10).
- C. Minimum number of players on the field at one time is four (4).
- D. SUBSTITUTIONS:
 1. Prior to a throw in, by team in possession of the ball. If the team in possession substitutes, the opposing team may substitute. If the team in possession does not substitute, the opposing team may not substitute.
 2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 3. After a goal by either team.
 4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play.
 5. At half time.
 6. Between quarters.

- E. PLAYING TIME: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time
- F. Teams and games may be coed.

LAW IV : PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- A. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
 - 1. Footwear : tennis shoes or soft cleated soccer shoes.
 - 2. Shin guards WILL BE MANDATORY.

LAW V : REFEREE

- A. Registered referees/new referee program.
- B. Associate referees.
- C. Parent coach or assistant.
- D. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW VI : LINESMAN

- A. Use spectator volunteers, one for each touchline. The linesman is to only indicate whether or not the ball is out of bounds. They are not to indicate possession or infractions. They are not to coach the players during play.

LAW VII : DURATION OF THE GAME

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal quarters of ten (10) minutes each. Half time break of five (5) minutes. Break between quarters 1 and 2 and between quarters 3 and 4 shall be two (2) minutes.

LAW VIII :THE START OF PLAY

- A. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
 - 1. Opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark while the kickoff is in progress.

LAW IX : BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW X : SCORING

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW XI : OFFSIDES

- A. None.

LAW XII : FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- A. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - 1. No cautions or ejections shall be issued to player except by an independent neutral referee.
 - 2. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick, with all opponents six (6) yards away from the ball.

LAW XIII : FREE KICKS

- A. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - 1. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick, with all opponents six (6) yards away from the ball.
 - 2. No kicks from the attacking team shall occur within the defending team's goal box.

LAW XIV : PENALTY KICKS

- B. No penalty kicks will be awarded.

LAW XV : THROW IN

- A. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - 1. A second throw in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt.
 - 2. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to attempt any subsequent throw in.

LAW XVI : GOAL KICK

- B. Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVII : CORNER KICK

- A. Conform to FIFA with following exception:
 - 1. Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each game. Parent/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the players. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area. No dogs, animals, etc. will be allowed near the playing area.

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