

MODIFIED LAWS FOR U9/U10

LAW I : THE FIELD

A. Dimensions:

1. The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than sixty (60) yards, nor less than forty-five (45) yards and its width not more than forty-five (45) yards, nor less than thirty-five (35) yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width

RECOMMENDATION: Length: Sixty (60) yards. Width: Forty-five (45) 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 an eight (8) yard radius.
4. A penalty area ten (10) yards from the goal post and extending (10) yards into the field of play, joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
5. Goal area six (6) yards out from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

C. GOALS:

1. Six (6) feet high and eighteen (18) feet wide. Must have nets.

LAW II : THE BALL

- A. All will play with a size four (4) ball.

LAW III : NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is six (6), one (1) of whom may be the goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed twelve (12).
- C. Minimum number of players on the field at one time is six (6).
- 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.
- 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 two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each. Half time break of five (5) minutes.

LAW VIII :THE START OF PLAY

- A. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
 1. Opponents must be eight (8) 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. No offside violations are to be called. However, if the referee deems that the spirit of this rule is being abused, they may enforce the rule per FIFA regulations.

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. There is no violation for a goal keeper to use their hands to pick up a ball deliberately passed to them by a player from their own team. This exception is for this age group only.

LAW XIII : FREE KICKS & LAW XIV : PENALTY KICKS

- A. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
 - 1. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before a kick is allowed.

LAW XV : THROW IN

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVI : GOAL KICK

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW XVII : CORNER KICK

- A. Conform to FIFA with following exceptions (i.e. – no “short corners”):
 - 1. Opponents must be eight (8) 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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