

Modified Laws of the Game for U6
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LAW 1 – THE FIELD OF PLAY

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being no greater than 30 yards and its width no greater than 20 yards.
- B. Markings:
 - 1. Distinctive lines not more than four (4) inches wide shall be marked.
 - 2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 - 3. A center circle shall be marked with a five (5) yard diameter.
 - 4. Four corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius.
- C. Goals:
 - 1. Maximum size: Four (4) feet high and six (6) feet wide.

LAW 2 – THE BALL: Size three (3).

LAW 3 – THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Initial number of players on the field is five (5). If one team is short players, it is recommended the team with more players either play down to the team with fewer player number or loan players to the other team.
- B. No goalkeepers.
- C. Substitutions:
 - 1. Prior to a kick in, in your favor.
 - 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 the play.
 - 5. At period breaks.
- D. Playing time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- E. Spectators and players not on the field of play must remain two (2) yards behind the touchline and not within the distance of the goal/penalty area.

LAW 4 – PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT: Conform to FIFA.

- A. Footwear: Tennis/gym shoes or soft-cleated shoes. No cleats permitted that have a toe cleat including baseball or football cleats. A toe cleat may be removed (cut off) to make the shoe legal.
- B. Shin guards: Mandatory with socks completely covering the shin guards. No part of the shin guard can be exposed. You must put the shin guard on first then put the sock over the shin guard. Putting the sock on first then folding the sock over the shin guard is prohibited.
- C. In case of color conflict, the designated home team will change jerseys.

LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

- A. Acceptable Referees:
 - 1. Registered Coach or Registered Assistant Coach (this is the normal game official for recreational league play). Agreement between coaches prior to a match concerning who will serve as a referee and for how long is mandatory.
 - 2. Registered Referee.
 - 3. Associate Referees.
- B. Referee Actions
 - 1. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.

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2. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW 6 – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES: No Assistant Referees are used.

LAW 7 – THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) six (6) minute quarters.
- B. After the first and third quarters, there will be a two-minute rest time allowing coaches to substitute players. Restart after each quarter will be an indirect kick at the center circle with alternating possessions. Halftime, after the second quarter, will last for 5 minutes.
- C. Due to schedule constraints, it is important for all coaches to follow this plan.

LAW 8 – THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark while place kick is in progress.
- B. Drop kicking and punting are not allowed.

LAW 9 – BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY: See Laws 15, 16, & 17.

LAW 10 – METHOD OF SCORING: No scores or standings will be kept.

LAW 11 – OFFSIDE: The offside rule will not be enforced, though players persistently loitering near the opposing goal will be subject to correction and movement by the official.

LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. No red or yellow cards will be presented, however, it is important for opposing coaches to discuss and understand the importance of discipline before each match and agree to support each other's decisions while serving as game official.
- B. Slide tackling is not allowed.
- C. No heading of the ball is allowed. Intentional heading of the ball will be called as a foul and an indirect free kick will be given.

LAW 13 – FREE KICKS: All are indirect.

LAW 14 – PENALTY KICK: No penalty kicks.

LAW 15 – THROW IN: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 16 – GOAL KICK: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be five yards from the ball

LAW 17 – CORNER KICK: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be five yards from the ball

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