

NOTABLE CHANGES:

Opposing player distance from 3 yards to 5 yards.

Changed for safety concerns of the beginner player.

Buildout Line for goal kicks.

Gives the team with possession of the ball a better chance of building an attack.

Prepares the players for the buildout line in U9/10.

MODIFIED PLAYING RULES FOR UNDER 6 and UNDER 8

1. Opposing parents/coaches and players should shake hands or wave after each game.
2. Do not record league standings.
3. Do not record the final score.
4. Participation awards for ALL--no trophies or awards just for the best team.
5. Parents/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be no closer than three (3) yards from the touchline, nor should they be behind the goal line or on the player/coach side of the field.
6. NO individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game.
7. Coaches / Parents should avoid giving play by play instructions to the players during the game.
8. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.
9. Coaches must be on the game roster in order to sit with players on the team bench. Any person with an approved background check can sit on the sidelines with players.
10. Disrespectful behavior towards the referee by coaches or parents may result in ejection.

Law I – The Field

1. Markings:
 - A. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 - B. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 - C. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
 - D. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
 - E. Goal area 2 yard area extending from the goal.
 - F. A build out line between the halfway line and goalline is preferred.
2. Field Size:
 - a. Minimum 15-yds x 25-yds
 - b. Maximum 25-yds x 35-yds

Law II – The Ball

1. Size three (3).

Law III – Number of Players

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time – Four (4)

- a. There shall be no goalkeeper.
2. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – Eight (8) for 4v4
3. Substitutions
 - a. After an injury, by either team, when the Referee stops the play.
 - b. At halftime or quarters
 - c. Team in possession of throw in, any goal kick, after any goal, when the opposing team is substituting.
4. Players can be shared between teams and games can be played 3v3 or 2v2.
5. Playing Time - Each recreational player, when present at a game, shall be required to play the minimum of 50% of the time, unless the player's time has been reduced for medical or disciplinary reasons, in which case the coach must notify the player, and the opposing coach prior to the beginning of the game that the minimum time has been reduced (non-attendance at practice and non-payment of fees may be cause for disciplinary action. Disciplinary action must be first approved by the appropriate age-group commissioner).
6. Teams and games may be coed.

Law IV – Player Equipment

1. Player equipment must conform to FIFA with the following additions or exceptions:
 - a. Footwear - Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
 - b. Shin Guards must be worn underneath the socks at all times during the game.
 - c. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.
 - d. Numbers are not necessary since cards are not given at this age group.
 - e. All jerseys must have soccer association logos.

Law V - Referee

1. Registered Referee (Grade 9, Grassroots or above)
2. Parents/Coach or Assistant can keep time and the game safe.
3. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
3. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player and coach.
4. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off coaches and/or spectators.

Law VI – Other Match Officials

1. The 2nd or 3rd official may be present for training purposes.
2. More than one official may referee the match.

Law VII – Duration of Game

1. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal ten (10) minute quarters.
2. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarter one and quarter two, and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.
3. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two and three.
4. Water breaks are 60 second breaks.
5. Duration of the quarters may be modified if both opposing coaches agree.

Law VIII – The Start and Restart of Play

1. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
 - a. Opponents must be five (5) yards from the spot of every start and restart.

Law IX – Ball In and Out of Play

1. Conform to FIFA.

Law X - Determining the Outcome of a Match

1. Conform to FIFA.

Law XI – Offside

1. There shall be no offside.

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - a. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents five (5) yards away.
 - b. The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
 - c. Slide tackling is not permitted and will result in a foul.
 - d. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players.

Law XIII - Free Kick

1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - a. Shall be classified under one heading – indirect.
 - b. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
 - c. Opponents must be five (5) yards away.
 - e. Free Kicks should be moved to an area five (5) yards from the goal area

Law XIV - Penalty Kick

1. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

Law XV – Throw-in

1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away.

Law XVI - Goal Kick

1. Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - A. Opponents must be behind the buildout line. If there is no buildout line then the halfway line will act as the build out line.

Law XVII - Corner Kick

1. Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
 - a. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.