

MODIFIED PLAYING RULES FOR UNDER 8

- Opposing parent/coaches and players should shake hands after each game.
- Do not record league standings.
- Do not record final score.
- Participation awards for ALL - no trophies or awards just for the best team.
- Parent/coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should not be located less than three (3) yards from outside the touchline, nor should they be closer than ten (10) yards to the goal line.
- NO individual should be allowed to run the length of the field except participants of the game. Parent/coaches should not coach or instruct players during the game.

LAW I - THE FIELD

- A. Markings:
 1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 3. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
 4. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
 5. Goal area six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

LAW II - THE BALL

- A. Size three (3).

LAW III - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is Five (5); One (1) of which may be a goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed – Nine (9).
- C. Substitutions:
 1. Either team, at a throw-in;
 2. Either team, at a goal-kick;
 3. Either team, after a goal is scored;
 4. Either team at an injury, when the referee stops the play;
 5. At halftime;
 6. When a caution (yellow card) is given, that player may be substituted for.
- D. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

LAW IV - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

Player's equipment must conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleat soccer shoes.

LAW V - REFEREE

- A. Registered Referee.
- B. Associate Referees.
- C. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- D. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
- E. Only registered referees have the power to caution or send off players.

LAW VI - ASSISTANT REFEREE

None.

LAW VII - DURATION OF GAME

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal twelve (12) minute quarters.
- B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarter one (1) and quarter two (2), and another two (2) minute break between quarters three (3) and four (4).
- C. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between quarters two (2) and three (3).

LAW VIII - THE START OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark while kicking off is in progress.

LAW IX - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY *** Conform to FIFA

LAW X - METHOD OF SCORING *** Conform to FIFA

LAW XI - OFFSIDE

- A. There shall be no off-side.

LAW XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. All fouls will result in a direct free kick with the opponents five (5) yards away.
- B. Referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.
- C. No caution or ejections shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.
- D. Slide tackling is not allowed. The result of this foul would be a direct free kick.

LAW XIII - FREE KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions.

- A. Shall be classified under one heading: **Direct**.
- B. No free kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal area.

LAW XIV - PENALTY KICK

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

LAW XV - THROW-IN *** Conform to FIFA

LAW XVI - GOAL KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
- B. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

LAW XVII - CORNER KICK

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.
- B. Corner kicks are direct free kicks.