



RULES OF COMPETITION

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## 1) RYSA RULES OF COMPETITION

FIFA Laws of the Game Modified

The Rules of Play for youth competition within RYSA shall be the FIFA Laws of the Game modified only as to the following:

1. Size of fields For various age groups/Law I
2. Size of ball For various age groups/Law II
3. Number of Players Varies from Law III (and substitution)
4. Assistant referee allowing for certified Junior Linesmen/Law VI
5. Duration of Game For various age groups/Law VII
6. Charging of Goalkeeper Law XII

Law I - Field of Play

The following are recommended field and goal sizes:

Age Group	Field Width	Field Length	Goal Size
Under 19	Min. 70 yds.	Min. 120 yds.	8 ft. x 8 yds.
Under 16	Min. 70 yds.	Min. 120 yds.	8 ft. x 8 yds.
Under 14	Min. 60 yds.	Min. 100 yds.	8 ft. x 8 yds.
Under 12	Min. 60 yds.	Min. 100 yds.	8 ft. x 8 yds.
Under 10	Min. 45 yds.	Min. 60 yds.	7 ft. x 7 yds.
Under 8	Min. 30 yds.	Min. 50 yds.	6 ft. x 12 ft.
Under 6	Min. 20 yds.	Min. 30 yds.	4 ft. x 6 ft.

Law II - The Ball

Ball sizes for various age groups will be as follows:

Age Groups	Ball Size
Under 19, Under 16 and Under 14 Size	#5
Under 12 and Under 10 Size	#4
Under 8 and Under 6 Size	#3

Law III - Number of Players and Substitution

I) The Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10 age divisions shall play under the additional Developmental Player Program Modified Rules for Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10.

A. Max and Min players on field.

U6 - 3/2

U8 - 5/3

U10 - 7/5

U12+ - 11/7

II) Substitution Rule

- (1) At a throw-in, by team in possession only (modified to either team U10 and below);
- (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.

III) 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).

IV) No youth team shall be allowed more than eighteen (18), except U19 teams which have (22), players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year.

Law IV - Players Equipment

Each player shall have a number on the back of his jersey not less than 4 inches high. Shin guards, meeting the standards set forth in the FIFA Laws of the Game or subsequent memoranda, shall be mandatory.

Law V - Referee **\*\*\* Conform to FIFA**

Law VI - Assistant Referee **\*\*\* Conform to FIFA**

Law VII - Duration of Game

Age Groups Length of Halves Length of Overtime

Age Groups Length of game and half time

Under 19: Two 45 min Halves. 10 minute half time.  
Under 16: Two 40 min Halves. 10 minute half time.  
Under 14: Two 35 min Halves. 10 minute half time.  
Under 12: Two 30 min Halves. 10 minute half time.  
Under 10: Two 25 min Halves. 5 minute half time.  
Under 8: Four 12 min Quarters. 5 minute half time.  
Under 6: Four 10 min Quarters. 5 minute half time.

Law VIII - Start of Play **\*\*\* Conform to FIFA**

Law IX - Ball in and out of Play **\*\*\* Conform to FIFA**

Law X - Method of Scoring **\*\*\* Conform to FIFA**

Law XI - Off-Side **\*\*\* Conform to FIFA**

Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct

I) Charging the goalkeeper in possession of the ball is NOT ALLOWED in any youth play in RYSA. Possession is defined as: "One or two hands on the ball, holding it, bouncing it, tossing it up and then catching it, or patting it along the ground."

II) It is not intentional "hand-ball" offense for any player to attempt to protect the vital areas of his or her body (chest, crotch, face) by placing hands or arms across them to protect them from being struck at close range by the ball. The match referee shall be the sole judge of whether the hands or arms were used to deliberately propel the ball.

III) Coaches and assistant coaches are subject to the same game disciplinary procedures by the referee as are the players, i.e., cautions and/or ejections.

Law XIII - Free Kick \*\*\* Conform to FIFA

Law XIV - Penalty Kick \*\*\* Conform to FIFA

Law XV - Throw-In \*\*\* Conform to FIFA

Law XVI - Goal Kick \*\*\* Conform to FIFA

Law XVII - Corner Kick \*\*\* Conform to FIFA