

Official Modified Laws of the Game Under 10

Law I. The Field of Play

A. Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Length: 70 yards Width: 40 yards

B. Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of eight (8) yards is marked around it.

C. The Goal Area: The goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, nine (9) yards from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend in to the field of play for a distance of six (6) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.

D. The Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, twelve (12) yards from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of twelve (12) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made nine (9) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of eight (8) yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.

E. Flag posts: Conform to FIFA

F. The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA

G. Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corner flag posts and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The maximum distance between the posts is twenty one (21) feet and the maximum distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is seven (7) feet.

H. Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.

Law II. The Ball – Size four (4)

Law III. Number of Players

A. A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eight players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players.

B. Substitutions

- Allowed for Injuries
- Substitutions shall be made on the quarter.

C. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

D. Teams and matches may be coed.

Law IV. Players Equipment:

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.
- B. Footwear: tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.

Law V. The Referee

- A. Registered referee
- B. Registered Grade 9 parent/coach or assistant.
- C. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law VI. Assistant Referee – Not Required

- A. May use registered referee.
- B. May use registered Grade 9 referee parent/coach or assistant.
- C. May use registered Grade 9 referee club linesmen/women if desired.

Law VII. Duration of the Game

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal 12 1/2 minute quarters.
- B. There shall be no break between quarters one and two or quarters three and four. The referee shall maintain a **running clock during those quarters.** It is not a rest period.
- C. There shall be a half time break of five (5) minutes.

Law VIII. The Start and Restart of Play

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponent must be eight (8) yards from the center mark until the ball is put into play.

Law IX. Ball In and Ball Out of Play

Conform to FIFA.

Law X. Method of Scoring

Conform to FIFA.

Law XI. Offside

Conform to FIFA

Law XII. Fouls and Misconduct

Conform to FIFA

Law XIII. Free Kicks

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.

Law XV. Throw-in

Conform to FIFA

Law XVI. Goal Kick

Conform to FIFA

Law XVII. Corner Kick

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball until it is in play.

Law XIV. The Penalty Kick

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. The penalty mark is make nine (9) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.