

Official Modified Laws of the Game Under 5

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: 30 yards Width: 20 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 three (3) yards is marked around it.

C. The Goal Area: None

D. The Penalty Area: None

E. Flag posts: None

F. The Corner Arc: None

Law II. The Ball – Size three (3)

Law III. Number of Players

A. A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than three players. There are NO goalkeepers. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than three players. Opposing teams may borrow from each other. Teams will have the same number of players on the field at all times.

B. Substitutions shall be made at any stoppage and are unlimited.

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 or associate referee

B. Parent/Coach or assistant

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

Law VI. Assistant – None

Law VII. Duration of the Game

A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal 8 minute quarters.

B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.

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 three (3) 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

None

Law XII. Fouls and Misconduct

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. The referee/coach/parent must explain ALL infractions to the offending player.
- B. Sliding tackles are not allowed and shall be considered a foul.
- C. All fouls shall result in a direct free kick.
- D. No cards shall be shown for misconduct.

Law XIII. Free Kicks

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. All free kicks are DIRECT
- B. All opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law XIV. Penalty Kicks

No penalty kicks are to be taken.

Law XV. Throw-in

Conform to FIFA with following exceptions:

- A. An improperly performed throw-in can be retaken once.
- B. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to throw in again.

Law XVI. Goal Kick

- A. The goal kick should be taken within 2-3 yards of the goal line anywhere across the width of the field of play at the nearest point from where the ball was retrieved.
- B. Opposing players must be four (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play.

Law XVII. Corner Kick

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be four (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play.