

U11/12 Modified Playing Rules

Law I-The Field:

Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular.

Width – Minimum 45 yards – Maximum 55 yards

Length – Minimum 70 yards – Maximum 80 yards

Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide.

A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.

A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.

Four corner arcs each with a One (1) yard radius.

Goal area: Twelve (12) yards Wide and five (5) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

Penalty Area: Thirty-six (36) yards wide and Fourteen (14) yards into the field of play jointed by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. Within the penalty area a penalty mark is made ten (10) yards into the field of play centered between the goal posts.

Goals: The size of goals will be 7 feet by 21 feet.

Law II-The Ball:

Size: Four (4)

Law III-Number of Players:

Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is nine (9), one of which must be the Goalkeeper.

Minimum number of players to start a match is six (6).

Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed seventeen (17) players.

Substitutions: Anytime ball is out of play with the permission of the Referee.

Law IV-Players Equipment:

Players may not wear any item of equipment that may be dangerous to themselves or others. Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes are recommended.

Shinguards are mandatory.

Ear rings, necklaces, wrist bracelets and “hard” hair barrettes are examples of jewelry that should be removed.

Law V-The Referee:

An official licensed referee will be assigned to each field.

Law VI- Assistant Referee:

Two (2) official licenses referee’s will be assigned to each field.

Club linesman may be used.

Law VII-Duration of the Game:

The game shall be divided into two (2) equal, thirty (30) minute halves.

There shall be a half-time break not to exceed five (5) minutes.

Law VIII-The Start of Play:

Conform to FIFA, with the following exception: Opponent must be eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law IX-Ball In and Out of Play:

Conform to FIFA: Ball must completely cross over goal line or touch line to be out of play.

Law X-Method of Scoring:

Conform to FIFA: Ball must completely cross over goal line and between posts and beneath crossbar to be a goal.

Law XI-Off-Side:

Conform to FIFA.

Law XII-Fouls and Misconduct:

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponent's penalty area.

There is no deliberate heading of the ball in U11 games. An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the spot of the infraction. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

Heading is NOT allowed if the division is combined, U11/12.

Heading is allowed in U12 games without limitations.

Law XIII-Free Kicks:

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

Opponents must be eight (8) yards away

Law XIV-Penalty Kicks:

Penalty Mark is located ten (10) yards into the field of play centered between goal posts.

Opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the penalty mark and outside the penalty area and arc.

Law XV-Throw-In:

Conform to FIFA

Law XVI-Goal Kick:

Conform to FIFA.

Law XVII-Corner Kick:

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents must remain at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.