

COVID-19 related Modifications to Game for Fall 2020

- 1) All heading is suspended. Any intentional heading will be a violation resulting in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.
- 2) Throw-ins will be replaced by a Kick-in. Kick-in procedures will be as follows:
 - a) Ball will be placed on touch line or behind touch line.
 - b) Ball may not be kicked directly into a team's box/penalty area.
 - c) Opponents must be a minimum of 10 yards (8 yards for small-sided) away from the touch line where the kick is being taken.
- 3) Slide tackling is suspended. Any intentional slide tackling will be a violation resulting in an indirect free kick for the opposing team.

Rules: U-09 & U-10 Modified Rules - 7v7

Law 1 – The Field:

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 65 yards nor less than 55 yards, and its width not more than 45 yards or less than 35 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. Recommendation: Length – 60 yards, Width –40 yards.

B. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines necessary, sidelines and goal lines.
2. Penalty Area – 12 yards out from the goal line x 24 yards wide.
3. A halfway line can be marked out across the field or otherwise indicated.
4. While other markings are possible, they are not necessary to ensure the enjoyment and development of the youngsters.
5. A center circle with an 8-yard radius.
6. Four corner arcs with a two-foot radius.
7. Goal Area – 4 yards from the goal line x 8 yards wide.
8. Goals – Maximum of 6 feet high and 18 feet wide.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size 4.

Law 3 –Number of Players:

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time: seven. One of these players must be designated as the goalkeeper.
2. Playing time: Each player **SHALL** play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
3. There will be U-9 & U-10 girls' teams and U-9 & U-10 boys' teams. Boys' teams may be co-ed. If there is one boy on a team, it is considered a boys' team.

Law 4 – Player's Equipment: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated shoes.
2. Shin-guards: Mandatory.

Law 5 -- Referee:

1. Certified referees.
2. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 – Assistant Referees: N/A

Law 7 – Duration of the Game: A. The game shall consist of two equal halves of 25 minutes each.

2. The half time break shall be five minutes.
3. If the game is 'tied' at the conclusion of the second half, the match is deemed complete and a "tie" is awarded to both teams.

Law 8 – The Start of Play: Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be seven yards from the center mark while the kick-off is in progress.

Law 9 – Ball in and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA. **Law 11 -- Offside:** There shall be no offside.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. All fouls will result in an **INDIRECT FREE KICK** with the opponents seven yards away from the ball.
2. The referee must briefly explain **ALL** infractions to the offending player.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. Shall be classified under one heading – **INDIRECT**.
2. Opponents must be seven yards away from the ball.
3. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player on either team.

Law 14 – Penalty Kicks: No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

Law 15 – Throw-in: Conform to FIFA with the following exception: A second throw-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

Law 16 – Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

1. Goal kick may be taken within two to three yards of the goal.
2. Opponents must retreat to mid-field when the kick is taken.

Law 17 – Corner Kick Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be seven yards away from the ball.

Law 18 – Substitutions: Substitutions shall be unlimited, and be made at mid-field **for both players entering and players exiting:**

1. Prior to a throw-in -either team
2. Prior to a goal kick –either team
3. After a goal -either team
4. After an injury when the referee stops the game –either team
5. At half time –either team

Rules: U-11 & U-12 Modified Rules - 9v9

Law 1 – The Field:

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 80 yards nor less than 70 yards and its width not more than 55 yards or less than 45 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. Recommendation: Length - 75 yards, Width - 50 yards.
- B. Markings:
 - 1. Distinctive lines not more than 5 inches wide.
 - 2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 - 3. A center circle with an 8-yard radius.
 - 4. Four corner arcs with a radius of two feet.
 - 5. Goal Area - 5 yards out from the goal line x 16 yards wide.
 - 6. **Penalty Area - 14 yards out from the goal line x 36 yards wide. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made ten (10) 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.**
- C. Goals: Recommended - six feet high by 18 feet wide. Optional – A 7-foot by 21-foot goal is allowed.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size 4.

Law 3 – Number of Players:

- 1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time: nine. One of these players must be designated as the goalkeeper.
- 2. U-11 Playing time: each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- 3. There will be girls' and boys' teams. Boys' teams may be co-ed. If there is one boy on a team, it is considered boys team.

Law 4 – Player's Equipment: Conform to FIFA.

Law 5 – Referee:

- 1. Certified Referees.
- 2. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 – Assistant Referees:

- 1. Certified Assistant Referees.
- 2. Use "Club Linesman"

Law 7 – Duration of the Game:

A: The game shall consist of two equal halves of 30 minutes each.

B: The half time break shall be five minutes.

C: U11 is "non-results" oriented

D: U-12 is "results oriented."

If the game is 'tied' at the conclusion of the second half, the match is deemed complete and a "tie" is awarded to both teams.

Law 8 – The Start of Play: Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be 8 yards from the center mark while the kick-off is in progress.

Law 9 – The Ball in and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 -- Offside: Conform to FIFA.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be eight yards away from the ball.

Law 14 – Penalty Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exception that the penalty mark is ten yards from the center of the goal line.

Law 15 – Throw-in: Conform to FIFA.

Law 16 – Goal Kick:

U-12 Conforms to FIFA with the following exceptions:

a. Goal kick must leave the box before an opposing player can touch the ball.

U-11 conforms to FIFA with the following exceptions:

2. Goal kick may be taken within two to three yards of the goal.
3. Opponents must retreat to mid-field when the kick is taken.

Law 17 – Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 18 – Substitutions: Substitutions shall be unlimited, and be made at mid-field for both players entering and players exiting:

- Prior to a throw-in -either team
- Prior to a goal kick –either team
- After a goal -either team
- After an injury when the referee stops the game –either team
- At half time –either team

Rules: U-13 & U-14 Modified Rules - 11v11

Law 1 – The Field:

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 120 yards nor less than 100 yards and its width not more than 80 yards or less than 60 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. Recommendation: Length - 100 yards, Width - 70 yards.

B. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines not more than 5 inches wide.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with a 10-yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a radius of three feet.
5. Goal Area - 6 yards from each goal post and 6 yards into the field of play, joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. Penalty Area - 18 yards from each goal post and 18 yards into the field of play, joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

C. Goals: 8 feet high and 8 yards wide.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size 5.

Law 3 – Number of Players:

1. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time: eleven. One of these players must be designated as the goalkeeper.
2. There will be girls' and boys' teams. Boys' teams may be co-ed. If there is one boy on a team, it is considered boys team.

Law 4 – Player's Equipment: Conform to FIFA.

Law 5 -- Referee:

1. Certified Referees.
2. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 – Assistant Referees:

1. Certified Assistant Referees.
2. Use "Club Linesman"

Law 7 – Duration of the Game:

1. The game shall be divided into two equal halves.
2. U-13 35-minute half

3. U-14 35-minute half
4. The half-time break shall be five minutes.
5. If the game is 'tied' at the conclusion of the second half, the match is deemed complete and a "tie" is awarded to both teams.

Law 8 – The Start of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 9 – Ball in and out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 -- Offside: Conform to FIFA.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA.

Law 13 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA.

Law 14 – Penalty Kicks: Conform to FIFA. **Law 15 – Throw-in:** Conform to FIFA. **Law 16 – Goal Kick:** Conform to FIFA. **Law 17 – Corner Kick:** Conform to FIFA.

Law 18 – Substitutions: Substitutions shall be unlimited, and be made at mid-field **for both players entering and players exiting:**

- Prior to a throw-in -either team
- Prior to a goal kick –either team
- After a goal -either team
- After an injury when the referee stops the game –either team
- At half time –either team