



Under_9 Playing Rules

Law 1 – The Field of Play

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

Length: minimum 20 yards maximum 30 yards

Width: minimum 15 yards maximum 25 yards

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 four (4) yards is marked around it.

The Goal Area: a goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: 2 lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line six(6) yards from inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of ten (10) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and goal line is the goal area.

The Penalty Area: None.

Flag posts: None.

The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corners and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The recommended distance between the posts is eighteen (18) feet and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet. Goals may be smaller in dimension.

Law 2 – The Ball: Size three (3)

Law 3 – The Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 7 players, minimum 5. (Six or 4 plus a goalkeeper)

Playing time is 2 – 24 minute halves. Substitutions are done at each 6th minute interval.

Goalkeeper must be switched at half time. The 1st half goalkeeper can only re-enter the game after 6 minutes of the second half.

Playing time: No player shall sit a second shift until ALL available players have sat. Every effort must be made to sit players an equal number of times.

Law 4 – The Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA. Uniforms are mandatory to distinguish teams.

Law 5 – The Referee: An OFFICIAL (Game Coordinator/ Grade 4 referee). All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees: None

Law 7- The Duration of the Match is 2 * 24 minute halves: The match shall be divided into four (4) equal, six (6) minute quarters. There shall be 1 (1) minute break between quarters. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8- The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9- The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA

Law 10- The Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

Law 11- Offside: None.

Law 12- Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick. The referee/coach must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct.

Law 13- Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that all free kicks are direct and opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14- The Penalty Kick: None.

Law 15- The Kick-In: A kick-in is considered as a direct free kick with the opponents four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 16- The Goal Kick: 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. Opposing players must remain outside the goal area until the ball exits the goal area.

Law 17- The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.