

# Laws of the Game – Modified 15 and Under

## 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 100 yards; maximum 130 yards

**Width:** minimum 50 yards; maximum 100 yards

**Field Markings:** Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

**The Goal Area:** Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

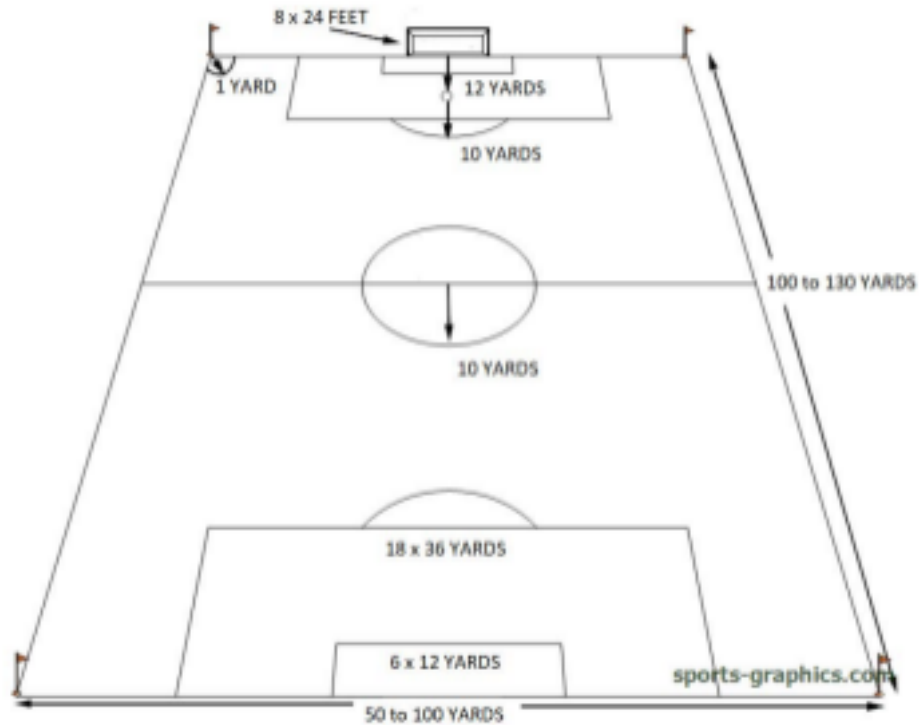
**The Penalty Area:** Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

**Flagposts:** Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

**The Corner Arc:** Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

**Goals:** Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

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



## Law 2 – The Ball

Size five (5).

## Law 3 – The Number of Players

A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven (11) players, one of whom is the designated goalkeeper. A match may not start or continue if either team consists of fewer than seven (7) players.

Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited.

Playing time: To develop players need to play, so it is recommended that each player plays a minimum of 50% of the total playing time, which is controlled by the coach.

Teams and matches may be coed.

The recommended team roster size is eighteen (18).

## Law 4 – The Players Equipment

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game. Non-uniform clothing, matching the uniform color, is allowed based on weather conditions. Uniforms must distinguish teams. Shin Guards are MANDATORY for both practices and games, and must be covered entirely by socks.

### **Safety**

A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry; with the exception of a medical alert bracelet).

## Law 5 – The Referee

Registered referee with a minimum of a U. S. Soccer Grade 9 certification.

## Law 6 – The Other Match Officials

Use registered assistant referees at the discretion of the competition authority. If such personnel are unavailable then use club linesmen/women, who are only to determine when the ball goes in and out of play.

## Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception of the match being divided into two (2) equal halves of thirty (30) minutes. There shall be a half-time interval of ten (10) minutes. No added time at the end of either half.<sup>ii</sup>

## Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Law 11 – Offside

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game

## Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Law 13 – Free Kicks

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Law 15 – The Throw-In

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Law 16 – The Goal Kick

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

## Law 17 – The Corner Kick

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

<sup>i</sup> Per U.S. Soccer's Concussion Initiative, if a player is suspected to have a head injury the referee is instructed to stop play to allow for treatment/evaluation as needed. If the player leaves the field of play for additional evaluation, a substitution can be made at that moment. The player with the suspected head injury may not return to the game unless a Healthcare Professional (HCP) or Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) has cleared the player. Any coach or parent insisting on returning the player to the game without approved clearance will result in the referee ending the game.

<sup>ii</sup> During weather conditions of extreme heat and humidity a water break halfway through each half is acceptable if both coaches agree or the break is prescribed by the local competition authority.