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Modified 8v8

US Youth Soccer recommended modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

FIFA Laws of The Game can be found at www.fifa.com

Law I-The Field:

Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 90 yards nor less than 70 yards and its width not more than 50 yards nor less than 40 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.

U S Youth Soccer Recommendation:
8v8 Length: 80 yards Width: 45 yards

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

A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.

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

Four corner arcs each with a three (3) foot radius.

Goal area: six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

Penalty area: fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

Penalty Spot: eight (8) yards out from center of goal line.

Goals: Six (6) feet high and eighteen feet wide up to Seven (7) feet high and twenty-one (21) feet wide.

Law II-The Ball: U-11&12 Size four 4
U-13 & older Size five 5

Law III-Number of Players:

Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eight (8) including the goalkeeper.(7 field players plus keeper). Substitutions: Prior to throw-in, in your favor. Prior to a goal kick by either team. After a goal, by either team. After an injury by either team when the referee stops the play. At half-time.

Law IV-Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA .

Law V-The Referee: Currently certified referee.

CASA modification: Casa trained referee, parent, or coach can be used.

Law VI-Assistant Referee- Use of “club” linesmen permitted.

Law VII-Duration of the Game:

The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of thirty (30) minutes each. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

CASA modification: The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each.

Law VIII-The Start of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception: Opponent

must be eight(8) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

Law IX-Ball in and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

Law X-Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

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Law XI-Off-Side: Conform to FIFA

Law XII-Fouls and Misconduct:

Conform to FIFA

Law XIII-Free Kicks: Conform to
FIFA with the following exception:

Opponents must

be eight (8) yards away before kick is
allowed.

Law XIV-Penalty Kicks: Conform to
FIFA with the following exception:

Opponents

must be eight (8) yards away before kick
is allowed.

Law XV-Throw-In: Conform to FIFA

Law XVI-Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA

Law XVII-Corner Kick: Conform to
FIFA with the following exception:

Opponents

must be eight (8) yards away from the
ball.

US Youth Soccer Recommendations:

-Opposing parents/coaches and players
should shake hands after each game.

-Participation awards for ALL- No
trophies or awards just for best team.

-Parent/coaches, non-playing players and
spectators should be there to enjoy and
encourage the activity of the youngsters.

-No alcoholic beverages will be
consumed or allowed near the playing
area