



Modified Rules for U8 7v7 Play

Law I - Field of Play:

- A. Dimensions: Width 30yards. Length 50 Yards.
- B. Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide.
- C. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
- D. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
- E. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
- F. Goal area: Three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- G. Goals: 5 feet high by 10 feet wide

Law II-The Ball

Size three (3)

Law III - Number of Players

- A. U-8 Division:
 - a. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time - Seven (7) - 6 Position Players, 1 Goalkeeper
- B. Playing Time:
 - a. Each player must play 50% of the game.
 - b. Substitutions: Only during the breaks. (See section VII.) Players may be substituted for when injured and return to the game at the next break with the permission of the referee.

Law IV – Players Equipment

- A. Jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings, field footwear (flat soled athletic shoes or soccer cleats- baseball cleats are not allowed to be used), and shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the stockings.
- B. Player cannot wear anything, including any kind of jewelry. (See section 3:06:03 of CYSA Constitution)

Law V – The Referee

- A. Referees make decisions on points of fact.
- B. Shall be encouraged to explain the infraction to the offending player.

Law VI – Assistant Referees

The referee may, at his or her discretion, appoint parents (club lines) to indicate when the ball is out of play and in which team shall restart with a throw-in. In all cases, the decision of the referee is final.

Law VII - Duration of The Game

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal, twenty (20) minute halves.
- B. Midway through each half there will be a substitution break. This break will be around the ten (10) minute mark at a natural stoppage of play. Players are expected to be substituted quickly while the game clock keeps going. Play will be resumed using the restart dictated by the previous stoppage.

There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes

Law VIII – Start of Play

Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark when place kick (kickoff) is in process. Start of play is typically when the ball moves forward perceptibly.

Law IX - Ball in and Out of Play

The ball is out of play when it has completely crossed the goal or touchlines.

Law X – Method of Scoring

- A. The ball must cross the goal line completely between the goal posts and under the cross bar, while the ball is in play, and no infringement of the laws of the game has been committed just prior by the team scoring the goal.
- B. No scores or standings are recorded.

Law XI –Offside

Conform to the FIFA laws of the game.

Law XII -Fouls & Misconduct

All intentional fouls will result in an indirect free kick - with the opponent five (5) yards away.

Law XIII -Free Kicks

Shall be classified under one heading "INDIRECT". A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player (not necessarily from the same team).

Law XIV - Penalty Kick

No Penalty kicks. Tie games stand.

Law XV -Throw-In

Conform to the FIFA laws of the game; however, one re-throw (each time) is allowed after an explanation.

Law XVI - Goal Kick

Goal kicks may be taken from any point inside the goal box.

- A. Opponents must be positioned five yards from the spot of the kick
- B. The ball is in play when it is directly kicked and travels five yards.
- C. Goal kicks are indirect free kicks.

Law XVII -Corner Kick

Maybe taken from any point inside the corner arc. Corner kicks are Indirect free kicks.