

MODIFIED LAWS FOR U5)

Law I - The Field:

A. Dimensions:

The field of play should be rectangular. 50ft X 64ft. The field should be close to these dimensions, however field space may dictate smaller or larger fields. Try to be as close as possible.

B. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines are necessary, sidelines and end-lines.
2. A halfway line can be marked out across the field or otherwise indicated.
3. Other marks are possible but not necessary for the enjoyment and development of the youngsters.
 - a. A center circle with a five yard radius
 - b. Four corner arcs with a two foot radius

C. Goals: Goal mouth is 5 ft wide and should be marked by cones if there are no nets.

Law II- The Ball: Size 3 ball should be used in practice and games

Law III- Number of Players:

- A. Number of players on the field at any time will be 6. Each team with 3.
- B. Substitutions: During any stoppage of play.
- C. Playing time: each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. (whenever possible)
- D. Teams and games may be co-ed

Law IV - Players equipment:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or running shoes. (no cleats allowed)
- B. Shin-guards- Mandatory
- C. Jersey- Supplied by organization. Try to have everyone in the same uniform including socks, and shorts whenever possible.

Law V- Referee:

The referee should be 1 coach or parent from each team on the field of play. Their duties would include directing the players to proper movements and encouraging them.

Law VI - Linesmen: Not necessary, but parents should be on the sidelines to keep the ball close to the field of play.

Law VII- Duration of Game:

- A. To include a longer practice time each day there will be a 30 minute practice
- B. Followed by a game shall be divided into 2 equal halves of 15 minutes.
- C. Snacktime will be at the end of every game as opposed to $\frac{1}{2}$ time like it has been done in the past.

Law VIII - The Start of play:

- A. The start of play shall consist of the visiting team starting with the ball at center.
- B. The second half shall start with the home team starting with the ball at center.
- C. The defending team shall be 5 feet away from the center at any start from center.
- D. The ball may be played forward or backward at the start of any play.

Law IX - Ball in and out of play:

- A. Any ball played out of bounds, shall be awarded to the opposite team that put it out of the field of play.
- B. Any ball that goes out of the end lines shall be given to the defender. (no corner kicks)

Law X - Method of Scoring:

- A. Goals shall be scored from anywhere on the field, and must cross the goal line between the cones.
- B. The goal being scored may not exceed 4 feet in height. (if no nets are in place)

Law XI - Off-Side: There shall be no off-sides.

Law XII - Fouls and misconduct: No pushing, hitting, kicking or holding an opponent and No hand balls.

- A. All fouls will result in an indirect free kick with the opponents 10 feet away.
- B. The referee or parent shall explain all infractions

Law XIII - Free Kick:

- A. Shall be classified under one heading - INDIRECT
- B. A goal shall not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
- C. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending teams goal box (if the goal area is marked off)

Law XIV - Penalty Kicks: No penalty kicks shall be taken during these games

Law XV - Throw-in: Should be replaced by kick-in.

- Kick-in considered as an indirect free kick with opponents 10 feet away from the ball.

Law XVI- Goal Kick:

- A. Goal kicks may be taken within 5 feet of the goal.
- B. Opponents must be at least 10 feet away from the ball.

Law XVII- Corner kick: No corner kicks. The ball goes to the defender.

Recommendations:

- Opposing parents coaches and players should shake hands after each game
- No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area
- You can also use the split fields so that you can have two teams playing at once within a normal sized field.