



## U-8 Modified Playing Rules

### Law I-The Field:

*Dimensions:* The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 65 yards nor less than 55 yards and its width not more than 45 yards nor less than 35 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.

*Markings:* Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field. A center circle is provided with an (8) yard radius. Four corner arcs each with a (2) foot radius.

*Goal area:* 12 yards x 4 yards

*Penalty Area:* 24 yards by 12 yards.

*Penalty Spot:* 8 yards out from center of goal line.

*Goals:* 6 x 12 feet.

**Law II-The Ball:** Size four (4)

### Law III-Number of Players:

Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is seven (7). Minimum number of players to start or continue a game is (5).

Substitutions: Anytime ball is out of play with the permission of the Referee.

Playing time: Each player should play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time

Goalkeeper: Goalkeeper must be changed at each half - for a different player.

### Law IV-Players Equipment:

Players may not wear any item of equipment that may be dangerous to themselves or others. Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes are recommended. Shin guards are mandatory.

**Law V-The Referee:** An official licensed referee will be assigned to each game.

**Law VI- Assistant Referee:** No Assistant Referees will be provided at this level.

### Law VII-Duration of the Game:

The game shall be divided into two (2) equal twenty five (25) minute halves with a (5) minute break between halves.

*In hot weather, team water breaks are permitted with agreement from either coach and referee prior to kick-off. The clock continues to run and the players must remain on the field during the break.*

### 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: Ball must completely cross over goal line to be out of play.

### Law X-Method of Scoring:

Conform to FIFA: Ball must completely cross over goal line and between posts and beneath crossbar to be a goal.

**Law XI-Off-Side:** Only blatant offside will be called.

### Law XII-Fouls and

**Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions: All fouls shall result in a free kick with opponent eight (8) yards away. No slide tackles permitted. No heading permitted. An indirect free is awarded for slide tackles and heading.

An indirect free kick is awarded at the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponent's penalty area. Back Passes to the goal keeper **are** permitted.

**Law XIII-Free Kicks:** Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be eight (8) yards away

### Law XIV-Penalty Kicks:

Conform to FIFA.

**Law XV-Throw-In:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that an improperly performed throw-in can be retaken once.

**Law XVI-Goal Kick:** Conform to FIFA.

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

Opponents must be four (4) yards away from the ball. Corner Kicks are Direct Free Kicks.

### KYSC Addendum

If the score differential reaches more than 6 the losing team may add an additional player to the field. If the score differential drops to 6 then a player is removed. If the score differential continues to increase and reaches 8 then a second player can be added by the losing team.

### Goalkeeper Protection

Goalkeepers are to be protected at all times. Incidental contact is anticipated and could happen but under no circumstances should a player intentionally make contact with the goalkeeper during play. Players should be instructed to avoid contact with goalkeepers if there is any doubt during the course of the game.

Goalkeeper possession is defined as the goalkeeper having control of the ball at any time with their hands.