

Modified FIFA Laws  
Under 8 Division

Law I – The Field

- A. Field Size: 50 yd x 30 yd
- B. Goal Size: 12'W x 6'H x 4'D

Law II – The Ball

- A. Ball Size: three (3)

Law III – The Number of Players

- A. 12 players maximum per team
- B. On Field: 5 players and a goalie (6 v. 6)
- C. The coach must remain in the coach's box (from the top of the goalie box to the midline.)
- D. Substitutions should occur only at the end of quarter breaks, except in the case of injuries, for which substitutions may occur at any time.
- E. All players should play at least ½ the game.
- F. No player should play more than 1 quarter of a game in the goalie position.

Law IV – Player's Equipment

- A. Footwear: Tennis Shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes. Baseball or Football cleats are not allowed. (Cleats are preferred.)
- B. Shin guards are required to be worn underneath the sock.
- C. No Jewelry of any kind allowed.

Law V – The Referee

- A. Certified or league approved Referee.

Law VI – The Assistant Referees

- A. Not used for this age group

Law VII – The Duration of the Match

- A. Length: The game shall be divided into 4 equal quarters of 12 minutes each.
- B. Breaks: There shall be a 2 minute break between the first and second quarter and the third and fourth quarter and a five minute half-time break.
- C. Teams shall switch goals at half time.

Law VIII – The Start of Play

- A. The referee shall determine the team that kicks off with a coin flip or referee discretion.
- B. Opponents must be at least 6 yards from the center mark while the kick-off is in progress. The ball is in play when it is kicked or played forward into the opponent's half of the field.
- C. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off.

Law IX – Ball in and out of play

- A. The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or the touch line. The ball is in play at all other times.

Law X – Method of Scoring

- A. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball crosses the goal line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Modified Laws has been committed by the team scoring the goal.

Law XI – Off sides

- A. There are no off sides in this division.

Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct

- A. A foul may be called if a player commits any of the following offenses:
  1. kicking, striking, or attempting to kick or strike an opponent;
  2. charging or tackling an opponent in a violent, reckless, or dangerous manner;
  3. tripping, pushing, or holding an opponent in a violent, reckless, or dangerous manner or in a manner which creates an advantage for the player;
  4. using obscene or profane language or making such gestures;
  5. acting in a manner which obstructs the game or otherwise creates a disturbance;
  6. a handball
- B. The referee and/or coach shall explain all infractions to the offending player.
- C. There shall be NO SLIDE TACKLES.

Law XIII- Free Kicks

- A. Conform to FIFA-All kicks will be indirect except for a penalty kick.

Law XIV – The Penalty Kick

- A. A penalty kick can be awarded only for intentional hand ball in the box or in the discretion of the referee if a foul is committed to prevent a goal attempt.

Law XV – Throw-Ins

- A. A throw-in is necessary when the ball goes out of play across a touchline. The thrower must face the field when delivering the ball and part of each foot shall be on the touchline or on the ground outside the touchline. The thrower shall use both hands and shall deliver the ball from directly behind and over his or her head.
- B. A goal may not be scored directly from a throw-in.
- C. A second throw in shall be allowed if the initial attempt is improper. The ball shall go over to the other team if the second attempt is improper.

Law XVI – Goal Kick

- A. Conform to FIFA.

Law XVII – Corner Kick

- A. Conform to FIFA.