



**U.S. Youth Soccer  
3 v 3 Under Six Program  
Official Laws  
(As amended by GCSA)**

**Law I - The Field of Play:**

- A. Field Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than thirty (30) yards nor less than twenty (20) yards and its width not more than twenty (20) yards nor less than fifteen (15) yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.  
U.S. Youth Soccer Recommendations: Length - twenty-five (25) yards; width - twenty (20) yards.
- B. Field Markings:
  1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
  2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
  3. A center circle with a three (3) yard radius.
  4. Four corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius.
  5. Goal Area: None.
  6. Penalty Area: None.
- C. Goals: The size of hockey goals or 4' x 6'.

**Law II - The Ball:** Size Three (3).

**Law III - Number of Players:**

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is three (3). There are NO goalkeepers.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed six (6).
- C. Substitutions:
  1. Injuries.
  2. See Law VII.
- D. Playing Time: Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- E. Teams and games may be coed.

**Law IV - Player's Equipment:** Conform to FIFA, with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shinguards: MANDATORY. \*

**Law V - Referees:**

- A. Associate Referee.
- B. Parent/coach or assistant.
- C. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

**Law VI - Assistant Referees:** Use Club Assistant Referees.

**Law VII - Duration of the Game:**

- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal eight (8) minute quarters.
- B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.
- C. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

**Law VIII - The Start of Play:** Conform to FIFA, with the following exceptions:

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kick-offs are in progress.
- B. A goal may not be scored directly from the kick off. \*

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

**Law X - Method of scoring:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law XI - Off-Side:** There shall be no off-side. \*

**Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA, with the following exceptions:

- A. All fouls shall result in an indirect free kick with the opponent three (3) yards away. \*
- B. The coach/parent must explain ALL infractions to the offending player. \*
- C. No cautions or send-offs shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral referee.

**Law XIII - Free Kicks:** Conform to FIFA, with the following exceptions:

- A. Shall be classified under one heading - INDIRECT. \*
- B. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team. \*
- C. Opponents must be three (3) yards away before kick is allowed.

**Law XIV - Penalty Kick:** No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

**Law XV - Throw-In / Kick-In:**

- A. A kick-in is considered as an indirect free kick with the opponent three (3) yards away from the ball.
- B. If a throw-in is used, a second throw-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

**Law XVI - Goal Kick:** Conform to FIFA, with the following exceptions:

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.
- B. A goal may not be scored directly from a goal kick. \*

**Law XVII - Corner-Kick:**

- A. NO CORNER KICKS. Throw-in will be taken in place of corner kick.

\* GCSA amendment.