



**U.S. Youth Soccer  
6 v 6 Under Nine & Under Ten 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 sixty (60) yards nor less than forty-five (45) yards and its width not more than forty-five (45) yards nor less than thirty-five (35) yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. U.S. Youth Soccer Recommendations: Length - sixty (60) yards; width - forty (40) 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 an eight (8) yard radius.
  - 4. Four corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius.
  - 5. Goal Area: Six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
  - 6. Penalty Area: Fourteen (14) yards from the inside of each goal post and Fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made ten (10) yards from the midpoint between the goal posts. An arc of a circle with a radius of eight (8) yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.
- C. Goals: The recommended goal size is six (6) feet high and eighteen (18) feet wide. Clubs are encouraged to use and modify their current goal equipment.

**Law II - The Ball:** Size Four (4).

**Law III - Number of Players:**

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time shall be six (6). One of whom may be a goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster shall be a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10).
- C. Substitutions:
  - 1. At the end of the first and third quarter.\*
  - 2. At half time. \*
  - 3. To replace a player for health reasons.
  - 4. For a player who has received a yellow card, at the discretion of the coach and with permission of the referee. \*
  - 5. To allow a player who has left the game due to a minor injury to return to the game, as soon as possible, replacing the same player who replaced him. \*
- 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. Registered Referee/New Referee program.
- B. Associate Referees.
- C. Parent/Coach or assistant.
- D. 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 twelve and one-half (12-1/2) 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 eight (8) yards from the center mark while kick-offs are in progress.

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

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

**Law XI - Off-Side:** None.

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

- A. 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 exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

**Law XIV - Penalty Kick:** Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

**Law XV - Throw-In:** Conform to FIFA.

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

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

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball.

\* GCSA amendment.