

Harry Olsen Memorial Cup Youth Soccer Under 10 Playing Rules

Law 1 The Field of Play

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of eight (8) yards is marked around it.

The Goal Area: Conform to FIFA, which states: It is defined as two lines which are drawn at right angles to the goal line, 6 yds from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of 6 yds and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.

The Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, ten (10) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of ten (10) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made eight (8) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of eight (8) yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.

The Build Out Line: A line extending from one touch line to the other horizontal to the goal line will be painted in an opposite color to the other field markings. The line will be an equal distance from the Penalty Box and the halfway line.

Law 3 The Number of Players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 7 players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than 5 players. A maximum roster size of 12 players allowed.

Law 8 The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 11 **Offside:** As there is only one Referee, offside will be called only when the position is obvious to the ref. Anything that is close or not easy to see will not be called. This is at the discretion of the referee.

Law 13 Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the exception that all opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball. Direct Kicks are possible, if called.

Law 14 The Penalty Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that the penalty mark is made eight (8) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. Players other than the kicker and defending goalkeeper are at least eight yards from the penalty mark. The distance of eight yards conforms to the radius of the center circle.

Law 15 The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

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Law 16 The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 17 The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 18: Heading: Intentional Heading of the ball is not allowed at this age. If the player intentionally heads a ball an indirect kick will be awarded to the opposing team.

Law 19: Due to the size of the field, and **Law 18** we will not allow goalie punts. A goalie who gets possession of the ball may use a throw in or a pass on the ground, but may not punt the ball.

Law 20: Build Out Line: when the goalkeeper has the ball, the opposing team must move behind the build-out line until the ball is put into play. But the keeper can distribute the ball quickly, accepting the fact that opponents can then challenge for the ball.

This also means when goalkeeper gets control of ball during the run of play, opposing team must retreat to the build out line, and not cross the build out line until the goal keeper has either thrown, rolled, or passed ball to his teammates.

On goal kick situations, the goal keeper puts the ball in play from the goal kick, and the opposing team can then cross the build out line ONCE the ball has cleared the PENALTY BOX, NOT once the ball gets kicked.

PLEASE ALSO READ THE GENERAL RULES

FIFA Laws of the Game can be found at www.ussoccer.com/laws/index.jsp.html