

GRJSA

U-9 Laws of the Game

Player Exposure & Learning Experience

LAW 1 - THE FIELD:

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular: length not more than 45 yards nor less than 35 yards; width not more than 30 yards nor less than 20 yards. The length shall exceed the width.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Length: Forty-five (45) yards Width: Thirty (30) yards

B. Markings: To be done by the home club.

1. Field markings are to be distinctive lines not more than four (4) inches wide or saucer cones.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with a ten (10) radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
5. Goal area – four (4) yards from each goal post and four (4) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. Penalty area – ten (10) yards from each goal post and ten (10) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

C. Goals:

1. Two (2) furnished by the home club.
2. The goal size is six (6) feet high and eight (8) to eighteen (18) feet wide.
3. The Goals must be staked down if not permanent goals.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Height: 6 (six) feet Width: 12 (twelve) feet

LAW 2 - THE BALL:

A. Size four (4) furnished by the home team.

LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:

- A. Maximum number of players on the field per team: five (5), one must be a goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed: nine (9).
- C. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, during any stoppage of play.
- D. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total season playing time.

LAW 4 - PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
 1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soccer shoes with soft cleats.
 2. Approved manufactured age and size-specific shin-guards are mandatory. Must be covered completely by socks.
 3. No jewelry of any kind or decorative items in the hair such as beads, clips, etc.
 4. No casts or splints are allowed. Other medical devices may be allowed as long as such a device does not pose a hazard to other players.
 5. Shorts and shirts should be of like color for each team. Home team will switch colors if needed.

LAW 5 - REFEREE:

- A. Responsibility of home club:
 1. Registered Referee.
 2. Assistants Referees.
 3. Parent/Coach or Assistant Coach.
 4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
 5. All rule infractions may be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW 6 ASSISTANT REFEREES:

- A. The decision to use assistant referees is left to the discretion of the Club.

LAW 7 DURATION OF GAME:

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves.
- B. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between halves.

LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
 1. Opponents must be ten (10) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.
 2. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off.

LAW 9 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 10 METHOD OF SCORING:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 11 OFFSIDE:

- A. Modified offside, meaning the spirit of the offside law applies (no cherry picking).

LAW 12 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
 - 1. All fouls will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK with the opponents ten (10) yards away.
 - 2. No slide tackles.
 - 3. No contact with the goalkeeper in the penalty area.
- B. The Referee may explain infractions to the offending player.
- C. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of parents, spectators and players.
- D. Misconduct by parents, coaches and spectators MUST be reported to the Association.

LAW 13 FREE KICKS:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
 - 1. All free kicks shall be classified as indirect.
 - 2. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
 - 3. No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal area. The ball placed on the four (4) yard line.

LAW 14 PENALTY KICKS:

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games:

LAW 15 THROW-IN:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
 - 1. A second throw-in is allowed if the player commits a foul on initial attempt.

LAW 16 GOAL KICK:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Goal Kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
 - 2. Opponents must be ten (10) yards away the ball.

LAW 17 CORNER KICK:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
 - 1. Opponents must be ten (10) yards away from the ball.

LAW 18 COACHING:

- A. Coaching will be made from the touchline through positive reinforcement.
- B. Coaches, Assistant coaches, Players, and spectators must be two (2) yards behind the touchline and between the penalty areas. No one may stand behind the goal line, including parents and spectators.
- C. A coach shall not touch the ball when it is in play. Restart: Indirect Free Kick.
- D. There will be no standings kept for this league.
- E. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.
- F. Use of tobacco products is prohibited on all school properties.
- G. The home team shall choose the side that their team and spectators will be on and the opposing team, and their spectators, must be on the other side. If the field conditions prohibit the use of both sides of the field (decided by the referee) then each team and their spectators shall be on their half of the side line.