

# Official Under 11 & Under 12 Amendments to the Laws of the Game

## Law 1 – The Field of Play

**Length:** 60 (Min) 75 (Max) metres    **Width:** 42 (Min) 55 (Max) metres

### Field Markings:

Distinctive lines not more than fifteen (15) centimetres wide. The field of play is divided into thirds and by a centre spot that indicates a centre spot that is located at the midpoint. A circle with a radius of eight (8) metres may, but not mandatory be marked around it. An offside line parallel to the centre line should be marked from touch line to touch line at the attacking third mark.

NB: All field markings may be marked by the means of cones

### Goal Area

None

### 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, eleven (11) metres from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of eleven (11) metres 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) metres from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.

### Flag posts:

Conform to FIFA if used, they however are not mandatory

### The Corner Arc:

Conform to FIFA if marked, they however are not mandatory

### Goals / Posts:

Goals must be placed on the centre of each goal line and measure 5.486 x 1.83 metres 18feet wide and 6 feet high.

## Law 2 – The Ball

The ball must conform to FIFA standards and must conform to the FIFA inflation specifications. Size four (4)

## Law 3 – The Number of Players

A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eight (8) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players one of whom is the goalkeeper. All players shall play equal playing time.

Substitutions: At any stoppage, substitutions are unlimited and must be done with the officials' permission.

## Law 4 – The Players Equipment

Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. The goalkeeper should wear a colour that distinguishes him/her from both teams. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Jewellery is not permitted.

## Law 5 – The Referee

A Class 5 or higher official must be used. The referee's role is to keep players safe and ensure that the game is played under the "fair play" code. A Class 5 or higher official can send a team official from the field if they fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

## Law 6 – The Assistant Referee

A nominated person

## Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

The match will be divided into two (2) halves of thirty (30) minutes each. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

**Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play**

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least eight (8) metres from the ball until it is in play.

**Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play**

Conform to FIFA.

**Law 10 – The Method of Scoring**

Conform to FIFA.

**Law 11 – Offside**

Conform to FIFA with the exception of only occurring in the attacking third.

**Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the centre spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponents penalty area. Cautionary and expulsion cards are used.

**Law 13 – Free Kicks**

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least eight (8) metres from the ball. An indirect kick awarded to the attacking team that occurs inside the penalty area, shall be taken from the outside edge of the penalty area opposite where the offence took place.

**Law 14 – The Penalty Kick**

Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that the penalty mark is marked at eight (8) metres from the goal line. All players except the player taking the kick must be eight (8) metres from the ball.

**Law 15 – The Throw-In**

Conform to FIFA.

**Law 16 – The Goal Kick**

Conform to FIFA except that it shall be taken from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents must remain at least eight (8) metres away from the ball until it is in play.

**Law 17 – The Corner Kick**

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least eight (8) metres away from the ball until it is in play.