

Seven-a-Side Soccer – Amendments to Laws of the Game

U18

1. Teams must field no more than 7 players, one of whom must be a goalkeeper.
 - a) If a team cannot field at least 5 players at the scheduled start time of the game, the game is forfeit to their opponents.
 - b) No more than 3 boys may play at one time. A player violating this amendment of Law 3 (that is, the fourth male player coming onto the field during play) is to be cautioned and required to leave the field.
2. The field of play is the junior standard field, normally used for U-12/U-11, with the following exceptions:
 - a) There is no dotted offside line
 - b) Goals are standard full size: 24 ft wide and 8 feet high
3. Except when substituting the goalkeeper, substitutions may be made on the fly. The substituted player must exit the field completely before the substitute may enter it, and they must enter/exit at the same location on the touchline. Failure to observe this will result in an indirect free kick to the non-offending team from the place where the ball was when play was halted, or from any point on the centre line, whichever is closer to the offending team's goal.
 - a) Note: when a substitute violates this rule, at their discretion referees may issue a caution to the substitute for entering the field without permission
 - b) Goalkeepers may be substituted only during a stoppage in play.
4. The offside law does not apply.
5. Goalkeepers may drop-kick or punt the ball. However if it crosses the centre line before touching the ground, going out of play, or being touched by another player, the referee shall award an indirect free kick at the point where the punt or drop-kick occurred. Where the punt or drop-kick occurs less than 6 yards from the goal line, the indirect free kick must be taken at a point 6 yards from the goal line opposite where the punt or drop-kick occurred.
6. On corner kicks, defending players may not encroach on the corner beyond the boundaries of the penalty area, where the sideline of the penalty area are less than 10 yards from the corner. In all other cases (with the exception of kickoffs, where the centre circle may be less than 10 yards in radius), the 10-yard minimum distance must be observed.
7. Goal kicks must be taken from any location within the penalty area that is not more than 6 yards from the goal line.