

GCFYSL RULES OF PLAY

Modified Playing Rules for U8 through U12 (revised December 1, 2014)

Law I - The Field (Recommended Sizes)

1. Dimensions:
 - U8 thru U10 - 60 yards x 45 yards
 - U11 & U12 - 80 yards x 55 yards
2. Markings: Lines not more than five inches wide
3. Halfway line marked across field
4. Center circle with eight-yard radius
5. Corner arcs of two-foot radius
6. Goal area should be proportional to full size field goal area dimensions
7. Goals:
 - U8 thru U10 – 6 feet high by 18 feet wide (6 ft. x 6 yds)
 - U11 & U12 – 7 feet high by 21 feet wide (7 ft. x 7 yds)

Law II - The Ball

U8 thru U12: Size 4

Law III - Number of Players

1. U8 thru U10:
Maximum of six players on the field at any one time, one of whom may be the goalkeeper.
Maximum number on roster should not exceed *twelve*.
2. U11 & U12:
Maximum of eight players on the field at any one time, one of whom may be the goalkeeper.
Maximum number on roster should not exceed fourteen.
3. Substitution:
There will be unlimited substitutions at any stoppage of play. All substitutions are at the referee's discretion. All substitutes are to be at the midfield line before the stoppage of play. No subbing from the bench is allowed.
4. Playing time:
Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of total playing time. (GCF mandated rule)

Law IV - Players Equipment

Footwear to be soft-cleated soccer shoes. A *manufacturer's* shinguards are mandatory.

Law V - Referee

Registered referee and *assistant* referee. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

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Law VI - Linesmen

Same as FIFA.

Law VII - Duration Of Game

U8 thru U10 2 – 25 minute halves

U11 and U12 2 – 30 minute halves

Mercy Rule – When an 8 goal differential has been met the game will be concluded. The game must go to halftime. If an 8 goal differential has been met any time after halftime then the game is concluded at that point.

Law VIII - Start Of Play

Same as FIFA, except opponents must be eight yards away at start.

Law IX - Ball In And Out Of Play

Same as FIFA.

Law X - Method Of Scoring

Same as FIFA.

Law XI – Offsides

Same as FIFA.

Law XII - Fouls And Misconduct

Same as FIFA, except opponents must be eight yards away when free kick is taken. Referee must briefly explain foul to offending player.

Law XIII - Free Kicks

Same as FIFA. All free kicks *must* be with opponents eight yards away.

Law XIV - Penalty Kick

Same as FIFA except kick from

U8 thru U10: eight yards out from goal

U11 and U12: ten yards out from goal

Law XV - Throw-In

Same as FIFA.

Law XVI - Goal Kick

Same as FIFA.

Law XVII- Corner Kick

Same as FIFA except opponents must be seven yards away from ball.