

SMCSO Official Under 10 Playing Rules **Modified 6v6**

Rule 303. LENGTH OF GAMES, NUMBER OF PLAYERS, OVERTIME PERIODS, AND BALL SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. (a) Except as provided by USYSA or a State Association, the length of games, overtime periods, ball size, ball circumference, ball weight, and number of players for each age group is as follows:

Age Group: Under 10

Game Length: four twelve minute quarters

Overtime Periods: NONE

Size of Ball: #4

Circumference of ball: 25–26 in

Weight of Ball: 11–13 ozs

Number of Players: No more than 6

Law I-The Field: Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 80 yards nor less than 50 yards and its width not more than 50 yards nor less than 40 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.

U S Youth Soccer Recommendation:

6v6 Length: 50 yards Width: 40 yards

Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field. A center circle with a eight (8) yard radius. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius. Goal area: six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. Penalty area: fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. Penalty Spot: eight (8) yards out from center of goal line. Goals: Six (6) feet high and eighteen feet wide up to Seven (7) feet high and twenty-one (21) feet wide.

Law II-The Ball: Size four (4)

Law III-Number of Players: Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is: 6v6:six (6)including the goalkeeper.

Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed:

6v6: nine (9) Preferred

6v6: ten (10)

Substitutions: Only at the end of each Quarter, Injuries and Cards.

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a MINIMUM of 50% of the total playing time Teams and games may be coed. A player may not play Goalkeeper more than 50% of the game.

Law IV-Players Equipment: Players may not wear any item of equipment that may be dangerous to themselves or others. Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes are recommended. Shinguards are required.

Law V-The Referee: Registered referee/new referee program. One or three referees will be used for a U10 match.

Law VI-Assistant Referee- If two (2) referees are not available, a club linesmen may be used..

Law VII-Duration of the Game: The game shall be divided into four (4) twelve minute quarters. There shall be a two minute break after the first & third quarter. There shall be a five (5) minute half-time break after the second quarter.

Law VIII-The Start of Play: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception: Opponent must be eight (8) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

Law IX-Ball in and Out of Play: Ball must completely cross line to be “out of play”. Ball is “in play” if any part of the ball is on or above the line.

Law X-Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA- ball must completely cross goal line, between posts and beneath crossbar to count.

Law XI-Off-Side: Conform to FIFA

Law XII-Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA

Law XIII-Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed. The goal keeper must “punt” the ball from inside the 6 yard box. A violation of the rule requires the keeper to “replay” the punt.

Law XIV-Penalty Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

Law XV-Throw-In: Conform to FIFA

Law XVI-Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA

Law XVII-Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the following exception: Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball.

SMCSO Soccer Recommendations:

Opposing parents/coaches and players should shake hands after each game. Parent/coaches, non-playing players and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the youngsters. During a match, players and coaches will be on one sideline. All other spectators will be on the opposite sideline. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.