

## SMCSO Official Under 12 Playing Rules

Modified 8v8

### 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 12

Game Length: Four fifteen 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 8

Law I-The Field: Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 90 yards nor less than 70 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: 8v8 Length: 80 yards Width: 45 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 three (3) 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 Eight (8) feet high and twenty-four (24) 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: 8v8: eight (8) including the goalkeeper.

Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed:

Eleven (11) Preferred

Twelve (12) Maximum

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. A player may not play Goalkeeper more than 50% of the game.

Law IV-Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA .

Law V-The Referee: Currently certified referee.

Law VI-Assistant Referee- Use of “club” linesmen permitted.

Law VII-Duration of the Game: The game shall be divided into four (5) fifteen (15) 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: Conform to FIFA.

Law X-Method of Scoring: Conform to FIFA.

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.

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.