

**SMCSO**  
**Soccer Program Game Rules**

**U7-U8**

**Law I - The Field:**

- 1 Length: 50 Yards Width: 30 Yards
- 2 A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
- 3 A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
- 4 Four Corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
- 5 Goal area: Three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field.
- 6 Goals: 4 ft by 6 ft up to 6 ft by 12 ft.

**Law II - The Ball:**

- 1 Size three (3)

**Law III - Number of Players:**

- 2 Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is four (4).
- 3 Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- 4 Teams and Games may be coed.
- 5 Substitutions: Free, Shall be made in accordance with FIFA to include at the quarter breaks

**Law IV - Players Equipment:**

- 1 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
- 2 Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes
- 3 Shinguards are Mandatory

**Law V - The Referee:**

- 1 Registered or Associate referee
- 2 Parent/Coach or assistant
- 3 All rule infractions can be briefly explained to the offending player.

**Law VI - Linesmen:**

- 1 No linesmen required

## Law VII - Duration of the Game:

- 2 The Game shall be divided into four (4) equal, ten (10) minute quarters.
- 3 There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.
- 4 There shall be a half-time break of (5) minutes.

## Law VIII- The Start of Play:

- 1 Opponents must be five (5) yards from the center mark while kick - off is in progress.
- 2 A goal cannot be scored directly off the kick-off. Ball must touch another player.

## Law IX- Ball in and out of Play:

- 1 Conform to FIFA

## Law X- Method of Scoring:

- 2 Conform to FIFA

## Law XI- Off-Side:

- 3 There shall be no offside called during these games

## Law XII- Fouls and Misconduct:

- 4 Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
- 5 The referee/coach/parent can explain all infractions to the offending player.

## Law XIII- Free Kicks:

- 1 Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
- 2 Shall be classified under one heading: INDIRECT
- 3 No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal box.
- 4 Opponents must be five (5) yards away before kick is allowed.

#### Law XIV- Penalty Kicks:

- 1 No Penalty Kicks are to be taken during these games.

#### Law XV- Throw-In/Kick In:

- 2 No Throw- ins are to be taken during these games.
- 3 Kick In is considered as an indirect free kick with the opponent five (5) yards away from the ball.

#### Law XVI- Goal Kick:

- 1 Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
- 2 Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

#### Law XVII- Corner Kick:

- 1 No Corner Kicks. Kick-in will be taken in place of Corner Kick

#### Law XIX- Coaches on the Field:

- 2 No Coaches are allowed on the field during the play of the game unless they are officiating.

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**U5-U6**

**Law I - The Field:**

- 7 Length: 25 Yards Width: 20 Yards
- 8 A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
- 9 A center circle with a three (3) yard radius.
- 10 Goal area: Three yard no play arc
- 11 Goals: 4 ft by 6 ft

**Law II - The Ball:**

- 6 Size three (3)

**Law III - Number of Players:**

- 7 Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is three (3).
- 8 Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- 9 Teams and Games may be coed.
- 10 Substitutions: Free, Shall be made in accordance with FIFA to include at the quarter breaks

**Law IV - Players Equipment:**

- 4 Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
- 5 Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes
- 6 Shinguards are mandatory

**Law V - The Referee:**

- 4 Associate referee
- 5 Parent/Coach or assistant
- 6 All rule infractions can be briefly explained to the offending player.

## Law VI - Linesmen:

- 5 No linesmen required

## Law VII - Duration of the Game:

- 6 The Game shall be divided into four (4) equal, eight (8) minute quarters.
- 7 There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.
- 8 There shall be a half-time break of (5) minutes.

## Law VIII- The Start of Play:

- 3 Opponents must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kick - off is in progress.
- 4 A goal cannot be scored directly off the kick-off. Ball must touch another player.

## Law IX- Ball in and out of Play:

- 6 Conform to FIFA

## Law X- Method of Scoring:

- 7 Conform to FIFA

## Law XI- Off-Side:

- 8 There shall be no offside called during these games

## Law XII- Fouls and Misconduct:

- 9 Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
- 10 The referee/coach/parent can explain all infractions to the offending player.

## Law XIII- Free Kicks:

- 5 Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
- 6 Shall be classified under one heading: INDIRECT
- 7 Opponents must be three (3) yards away before kick is allowed.

#### **Law XIV- Penalty Kicks:**

- 4 No Penalty Kicks are to be taken during these games.

#### **Law XV- Throw-In/Kick In:**

- 5 No Throw- ins are to be taken during these games.
- 6 Kick In is considered as an indirect free kick with the opponent (3) yards away from the ball.

#### **Law XVI- Goal Kick:**

- 3 Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
- 4 Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

#### **Law XVII- Corner Kick:**

- 3 No Corner Kicks. Kick-in will be taken in place of Corner Kick

#### **Law XVII- Coaches on the Field:**

- 1 Coaches are allowed on the field to give support and guidance. Coaches are not allowed to physically move players.

