



U6 MODIFIED RULES

LAW I. – THE FIELD

If corner flags are not available, the game shall be played without corner flags.

A. Dimensions

The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being no more than 30 yards or less than 20 yards and its width not more than 20 yards or less than 15 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. Depending on area available, HYS will attempt to use a 30 by 20 field.

B. Markings

1. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
2. A center circle with a three-yard radius.
3. Four corner arcs with a two-foot radius.
4. Goal area: NONE.

C. Goals

HYS will use PUGG Goals, 4 x 6 feet.

LAW II. – THE BALL

Size (3) ball is used. Home team supplies the game ball.

LAW III. – THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1. Maximum number of players per team on the field at any one time is (4).
2. Each team will consist of 1 coach and max 8 players.
3. There are NO goalkeepers
4. Substitutions are allowed any time the ball is out of play.
5. Each player will play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

6. Fair Side play rule applies. If a team is short players, the other team must play down to an equal number of players. As additional players arrive, each team will be able to simultaneously add players to the field.

LAW IV. – PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes may be worn. **SHIN GUARDS ARE MANDATORY**

LAW V. – REFEREES

Paid referees will not be used. An Official will be designated by the coaches to act as the Game Manager. This can be one of the coaches themselves, a parent or appropriate aged sibling (12 or older) who has some referee training or experience. The Game Manager's job is to keep the playing environment fun, safe and focused on the child. Duties are the same as a Referee under the FIFA Laws of the Game: keep time, enforce the rules, stop and restart play.

LAW VI. – LINESMEN (ASSISTANT REFEREES)

Not used in the small-sided game for U6.

LAW VII. – DURATION OF THE GAME

1. The game shall be divided into four (4) equal eight (8) minute quarters.
2. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.
3. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.



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LAW VIII. – THE START OF PLAY

Conforms to FIFA with the exception that the opponent must be (4) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

LAW IX. – BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Ball must completely cross the line to be out of play.

LAW X. – METHOD OF SCORING

Conform to FIFA.

LAW XI. – OFF SIDE

There are no offsides in small-sided games.

LAW XII. – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick. The game manager will explain all infringements to the offending player. In all Divisions, no cautions or ejections shall be issued.

LAW XIII. – FREE KICKS

Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

1. All free kicks will be direct.
2. Opponents will be (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play.

LAW XIV. – PENALTY KICKS

There are no penalty kicks in small-sided games.

LAW XV. – THROW-IN

This is replaced with a kick-in, which is awarded when the ball completely crosses the sideline. A kick-in is considered a direct free kick with the opponent (4) yards away from the ball until it is in play.

LAW XVI. – GOAL-KICK

Awarded to the team defending the goal when the opponent (attacking team) kicks the ball over the endline (but not in the goal). The goal kick should be taken within 2-3 yards of the goal and opposing players must be 4 yards away.

LAW XVII. – CORNER KICK

Awarded to the team attacking the goal when the opponent (defending team) kicks the ball over the endline (not in their own goal). Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF PLAYERS, COACHES AND PARENTS

1. Good sportsmanship verbally following the game (NO HANDSHAKES)
2. No trophies or awards are to be given for the “best” team
3. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.
4. Coaches and players ONLY will be located on one side of the field.
5. **Parents, siblings and all spectators will remain on the sideline opposite the area occupied by the coaches and players.**