



Modifications to the Laws of the Game

Law 1. The Field of Play

U5/U6/U7/U8 – Two side by side fields of play that will be identical in size. PUGG goals will be used for games.

Law 2. The Ball

U5/U6/U7/U8 – size 3

U9/U10/U11/U12 – size 4

U14 & up – size 5

Law 3. The Number of Players

U5/U6/U7/U8 – Max 4, Min 3 (2 side by side fields, max players is per field) No keeper

U10 – Max 7, Min 5

U12 – Max 9, Min 7

U14 & up – Max 11, Min 7

U5/U6/U7/U8/U10 - If either team is short players, the other team shall play with the equal number of players or let the short-handed team borrow a player for the game.

All players shall have the opportunity to play 50% of the game.

Players may be substituted at the following times with the referee's permission:

- a) Prior to a throw-in in your favor
 - i. If the team in possession of the ball substitutes, the other team may substitute as well.
 - ii. U5/U6/U7/U8 may substitute on a kick-in by either team
- b) Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
- c) After a goal, by either team.
- d) After an injury, when the referee stops play, by either team. A player who has a suspected head injury **MUST** be substituted from the game and will not be allowed to re-enter.
- e) At half time.
- f) When the referee stops play to caution a player, the cautioned player may be substituted prior to the restart of the game.

Law 4. The Players Equipment

Players wearing orthopedic casts, air-splints, or metal splints shall not be eligible to participate in any game. Players cannot wear anything, including any kind of jewelry (including earrings, rings, necklaces, and bracelets) dangerous to himself/herself or another player.

Players must wear shin guards that are covered entirely by socks.

U5/U6/U7/U8/U10 - The designated HOME team will wear the BLUE jersey. The designated AWAY team will wear the YELLOW jersey.

Goalkeepers must wear a color that distinguishes them from their team and the opposing team. Pinnies are allowed.

Law 5. The Referee

U5/U6/U7/U8 – EDHSC will not provide referees. Each team will be responsible for providing a parent referee on each field for half the duration of the game.

U10/U12 – EDHSC will provide a minimum of 1 referee and a maximum of 3 referees per game.

U/14 & up – EDHSC will provide 3 referees per game.

Law 7. The Duration of the Match

U5 – Four quarters – 8 minutes each

U12 – Two Halves – 30 minutes each

U6 – Four quarters - 8 minutes each

U14 – Two Halves – 35 minutes each

U7/U8 – Four quarters – 10 minutes each

U16 – Two Halves – 40 minutes each

U10 – Two Halves – 25 minutes each

U19 – Two Halves – 45 minutes each

Law 8. The Start and Restart of Play

A kick-off is a way of starting or restarting play at the beginning of a match, after a goal has been scored, and at the start of the second half.

A goal may be scored directly from the kick-off

In the second half of the match, the teams change ends and attack the opposite goal

During a kick-off all players must be on their own half of the field of play, the opponents must be outside of the center circle, and the kicker must not touch the ball again until it is touched by another player

If the player taking the kick-off touches the ball again before it has touched another player, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team. For all other infringements of kick-off procedure, the kick-off is retaken.

Law 9. The Ball In And Out Of Play

The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air OR play has been stopped by a referee.

Law 10. The Method Of Scoring

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

The team scoring the greater number of goals during a match is the winner. If both teams score an equal number of goals, or if no goals are scored, the match is a draw.

Law 11. Offside

U5/U6/U7/U8 – No offside calls

U10 & up – Offside calls

Law 12. Fouls and Misconduct

U5/U6/U7/U8/U10/U12/U14 – No heading allowed in games or practices. If a player deliberately heads the ball during a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded from the spot of the offense. If a player deliberately heads the ball within their goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.

U16 & up – Heading is allowed during games and practices

Law 13. Free Kicks

U5/U6/U7/U8 – Indirect only, no direct kicks

U10 & up – Direct kicks

Law 14. Penalty Kick

U5/U6/U7/U8 – No Penalty Kicks

U10 & up – Penalty kicks

Law 15. Throw-in

U5/U6/U7/U8 – Kick-ins

U10 & up – No re-throw