

Laws of the Game – Modified

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

Law 1 – The Field of Play

MINI FIELD

Kindergarten: 25 yards wide x 35 yards long

1st & 2nd Grade: 25 yards wide x 35 yards long

A circle with a radius of five (5) yards should be marked around the center mark.

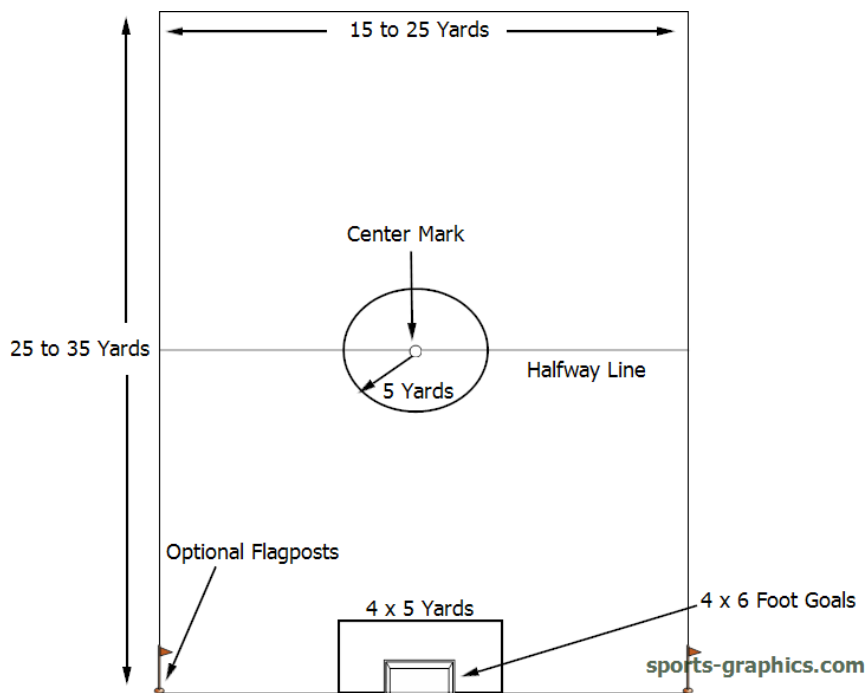
The Goal Area: 5 yard box

The Penalty Area: None.

Corner cones used in place of flags.

Corner Arc: None.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. 4' x 6' goals.



Law 2 – The Ball

Size three (3).

Law 3 – The Number of Players

A match is played by two teams

Kindergarten plays 4 v 4

1st & 2nd Grade plays 4 v 4

There are NO goalkeepers.

Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited.

N. B.: A player who is suspected to have a head injury¹leaves the field of play for additional evaluation, a substitution can be made in that moment.

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. It is the coach's responsibility to enforce this rule.

Law 4 – The Players Equipment

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must distinguish teams. Shinguards are MANDATORY for both practices and games, and must be covered entirely by socks. If needed, teams can be distinguished by scrimmage vests.

Safety

A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry; with the exception of a medical alert bracelet).

Law 5 – The Referee

There is no need for fully qualified referees to manage 8 and Under games. One or both of the coaches should officiate / manage the game. Basic fouls and boundaries should be respected. All infringements should be briefly explained to the players.

Law 6 – The Duration of the Match

The match shall be divided into four (4) periods

Kindergarten 4 x 8 minutes

1st & 2nd Grade 4 x 10 minutes

Between periods 1 & 2 and 3 & 4, coaches should use this time for substitutions only.

Between periods 2 & 3, there should be a 5 minute break.

Coaches should discuss before the game to be in agreement.

Law 7 – The Start and Restart of Play

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game, with the exception that the defending team is at least five (5) yards from the ball until it is in play. Remember, let them play and do not interfere for technicalities.

Law 8 – The Ball In and Out of Play

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Law 9 – The Method of Scoring

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Law 10 – Offside

None.

Law 11 – Fouls and Misconduct

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that all fouls shall result in an indirect free kick.

When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area [if one is being used], 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.

The game official must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct.

N.B.: A hand ball infraction occurs when a player handles the ball deliberately. The “hand” includes the entire arm up to the top of the shoulder. Instinctive, self-protective reactions are not penalized at this young age. Accidental contact (ball striking hand or arm) is not an offense and should not be penalized.

Law 12 – Free Kicks

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that all free kicks are indirect and all opponents are to be at least five (5) yards from the ball until it is kicked. Deliberate heading is not allowed in 4 vs. 4 games.

Law 13 – The Penalty Kick

None.

Law 14 – The Throw-In

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Optional: the throw-in may be replaced with the pass-in²; otherwise conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game. Opposing players are to be at least two (2) yards from the ball until it is kicked. *This option is strongly recommended by US Youth Soccer.*

Law 15 – The Goal Kick

The goal kick shall be taken anywhere along the goal line within five (5) yards of the goal. Opposing players must drop off to the middle of the field, behind the line, until the ball is played by another player or crosses the halfway line.

Optional: If the goal area is marked on the field of play then the goal kick shall be taken there. The ball must leave the goal area before being touched by another player.

Law 16 – The Corner Kick

Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that opponents remain at least five (5) yards from the ball until it is kicked.
