



ADDENDUM - MODIFIED LAWS OF THE GAME FOR U12

Law 1: Field of Play

The dimensions are a minimum 90 feet x 141 feet. The center circle and Goal Arcs should be a minimum of 6 feet. Goals: 6.5 feet by 18.5 feet.

Law 2: The Ball

The ball must be a size four (4).

Law 3: The Number of Players

There should be a maximum of 9 players on the field per team.

Roster Size: The minimum roster size is nine players. The maximum roster size is 15 players.

Law 4: The Player's Equipment

Each player must wear an official uniform with a unique number per team on the back of the shirt. Shin guards are mandatory and must be fully covered. Cleats must be intended for soccer, no baseball or football cleats with front cleat may be worn. Eyeglasses must be secured with a band. No hats or other headgear may be worn with the following exceptions*:

- Soft billed caps for goalkeepers per FIFA
- Religious headgear per USSF
- Soft caps (no bills) in cold weather
- Soft headbands
- Headgear for medical reasons under the following conditions:
 - Soft, closed cell material
 - Doctors permission
 - Approval in advance by MCYSA

Hard casts may be worn but must be padded and approved by the referee prior to the match. Limb/joint braces must be worn as intended by the manufacturer and approved by the referee prior to the match. Braces containing exposed metal pieces may not be worn.

If due to inclement weather, the referee allows the wearing of sweatshirts the jersey must be worn over the sweatshirt. If due to inclement weather, the referee allows the wearing of sweatpants, they shall be the same color as the shorts of the uniform.



*Any exception is with the approval of the referee prior to the match.

Law 5 & 6: Referees

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match. Decisions will be made to the best of the referee's ability according to the Laws of the Game and the 'spirit of the game' and will be based on the opinion of the referee who has the discretion to take appropriate action within the framework of the Laws of the Game. No "Other Match Officials" are required.

Law 7: The Duration of the Match

It is recommended the game be divided into two halves each lasting a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. A five to ten minute break should be taken between the halves.

Playing Time: Each player should have a minimum of 50% playing time and sitting time throughout each match.

Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play

Please view FIFA ruling, with opponents 12 feet away from the ball.

Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play

Please view FIFA ruling. Referee should blow his/her whistle on all balls out of play and make a call for re-start.

Law 10: The Method of Scoring

Please view FIFA ruling. Game reports should be submitted at the end of each match.

Law 11: Offside

Please view FIFA ruling.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct

Please view FIFA ruling.

Law 13: Free Kicks

Please view FIFA ruling.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick

Please view FIFA ruling.



Law 15: The Throw-In

Please view FIFA ruling.

Law 16: The Goal Kick

Please view FIFA ruling.

Law 17: The Corner Kick

Please view FIFA ruling, with opponents 12 feet away from the ball.

Addition: Heading Guidelines

Please view your heading guideline implementation as defined by your state or local organization.