



## ADDENDUM - MODIFIED LAWS OF THE GAME FOR U5-U8

### **Law 1: Field of Play**

The dimensions are a minimum 60 feet x 75 feet. The corner arc for U6 Small Sided Games are not mandatory field markings. The center circle and Goal Arcs should be a minimum of 6 feet. Goals: The goal, 4 x 6 feet, is the same for the U6 and U8 age groups.

### **Law 2: The Ball**

The ball must be a size three (3).

### **Law 3: The Number of Players**

There should be a maximum of 4 players on the field per team. There are no goalkeepers. No player should be in the goal arc until ball is within playing distance.

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

### **Law 5 & 6: Referees**

There are no referees needed. Teams are allowed only one coach on the field at a time. Any assistant coaches must remain at the bench with the players.

### **Law 7: The Duration of the Match**

**U5-U6:** It is recommended the game be divided into four quarters each lasting a minimum of eight minutes. A two to five minute break should be taken between the second and third quarter. Coordinators may make the quarters or break times shorter in duration if necessary. **Playing Time:** Each player should have a minimum of 50% playing time and sitting time throughout each match.

**U8:** It is recommended the game be divided into three segments each lasting a minimum of fifteen minutes. A two to five minute break should be taken between each segment. Coordinators may make the segments or break times shorter in duration if necessary. **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.

**Law 10: The Method of Scoring**

Please view FIFA ruling. No score or standings should be kept.

**Law 11: Offside**

There shall be no offside called during these games.

**Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct**

No cautions or ejections shall be issued to players. The use of a slide tackle is discouraged in these divisions.

**Law 13: Free Kicks**

All free kicks should be indirect.

**Law 14: The Penalty Kick**

Since there is no penalty area marked on the field of play for these age groups, there will not be any penalty kicks called.

**Law 15: The Throw-In**

Please view FIFA ruling. A "Kick-In" may be used in substitution for the Throw-In for U5-U6 divisions.

**Law 16: The Goal Kick**

All Goal Kicks should be taken a free kick from any location on the goal arc.

**Law 17: The Corner Kick**

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