



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.