

GRJSA

U-11 Laws of the Game

Player Exposure & Learning Experience

LAW 1 - THE FIELD:

A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular; length not more than 80 yards nor less than 50 yards: and width not more than 50 yards nor less than 35 yards. The length shall exceed the width.

GRJSA RECOMMENDATION: Length: Eighty (80) yards Width: Fifty (50) yards

B. Markings: To be done by the home team.

1. Field markings are to be distinctive lines not more than four (4) inches wide or saucer cones.
2. A halfway line shall be marked at midfield.
3. A center circle with a ten (10) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
5. Goal area – six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
6. Penalty area – fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
7. Penalty Mark will be 12 yards from the goal line and centered in front of the goal.

C. Goals:

1. Two (2) furnished by the home team.
2. The goal size is eight (8) feet high and twenty-four (24) feet wide.
3. Goal must be anchored down.

LAW 2 - THE BALL:

A. Size four (4) furnished by the home team.

LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time: nine (9), one (1) shall be a goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed: fourteen (14).
- C. Substitutions may be made, with the permission of the referee, during any stoppage of play.
- D. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total season playing time.

LAW 4 - PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
 1. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soccer shoes with soft cleats.
 2. Approved manufactured age and size-specific shin-guards are mandatory. Must be covered completely by socks.
 3. No jewelry of any kind or decorative items in the hair such as beads, clips, etc.
 4. No casts or splints are allowed. Other medical devices may be allowed as long as such a device does not pose a hazard to the player/other players.
 5. Shorts and shirts should be of like color for each team. Home team will switch colors if needed.

LAW 5 - REFEREE:

- A. Responsibility of home team:
 1. Registered Referee.
 2. Assistant Referees.
 3. Parent/Coach or Assistant Coach as mutually agreed to by both coaches.
 4. Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
 5. Rule infractions may be briefly explained to the offending player, if requested.
 6. If there is no referee, then a coach or designated parent from each team shall officiate half of the match.

LAW 6 ASSISTANT REFEREES:

- A. The decision to use Assistant Referees is left to the discretion of the Club and center referee.

LAW 7 DURATION OF GAME:

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) thirty (30) minute halves.
- B. There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between halves.

LAW 8 THE START OF PLAY:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exception:
 1. Opponents must be ten (10) yards from the center mark for the kick-off.

LAW 9 BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 10 METHOD OF SCORING:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 11 OFFSIDE:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 12 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules except for:
 - (1) No player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper, harass the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever.
 - (2) Also included in “having control of the ball” is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands or fingertips.
 - (3) No contact with the goalkeeper in the penalty area.
- B. Caution or send off may be issued to players by a neutral referee.
- C. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of parents, spectators and players.
- D. Misconduct by parents, coaches and spectators **MUST** be reported to the Association.

LAW 13 FREE KICKS:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 14 PENALTY KICKS:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 15 THROW-IN:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 16 GOAL KICK:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Goal Kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
 - 2. Opponents must be ten (10) yards away from the ball.

LAW 17 CORNER KICK:

- A. Conform to FIFA rules.

LAW 18 COACHING:

- A. Coaching from the touchline is permitted but not recommended. Only positive reinforcement allowed.
- B. Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Players, and spectators must be two (2) yards behind the touchline and between the penalty areas. No one may stand behind the goal line, including parents and spectators.
- C. There will be scores kept for this league.
- D. No alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing area.
- E. Use of tobacco products is prohibited on all school properties.
- F. The home team shall choose the side that their team and spectators will be on and the opposing team, and their spectators, will be on the other side. If the field conditions prohibit the use of both sides of the field (decided by the referee) then each team and their spectators shall be on their half of the touchline.