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	4v4	5v5	7v7	9v9	9v9	9v9	9v9	9v9	9v9
Law 1 Field of Play	Maximum field dimensions 20 x 35 yards	25 x 40 yards	35 x 55 yards	50 x 75 yards	50 x 75 yards	50 x 75 yards	50 x 75 yards	50 x 75 yards	50 x 75 yards
	Corner arcs none	none	1 yard	1 yard	1 yard	1 yard	1 yard	1 yard	1 yard
	Center Circle Radius none	none	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards
	Goal area 6-yard line	6-yard line	4 yd x 8 yd	5 yd x 16 yd	5 yd x 16 yd	5 yd x 16 yd	5 yd x 16 yd	5 yd x 16 yd	5 yd x 16 yd
	Penalty area none	none	12 yd x 24 yd	14 yd x 36 yd	14 yd x 36 yd	14 yd x 36 yd	14 yd x 36 yd	14 yd x 36 yd	14 yd x 36 yd
	Penalty arc none	none	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards
	Penalty mark none	none	10 yards	10 yards	10 yards	10 yards	10 yards	10 yards	10 yards
	Build Out Line none	none	Equidistant between the top penalty area and the	none	none	none	none	none	none
	Goals 4 x 6 ft goals	4x6 or 6x12 ft goals	6 x 18/7 x 21 ft goals	7x21/8x24 ft goals	7x21/8x24 ft goals	7x21/8x24 ft goals	7x21/8x24 ft goals	7x21/8x24 ft goals	7x21/8x24 ft goals
	Goal height with cones n/a	When cones are used for goals, the top of the goalkeeper's outstretched hands will be considered the height of the goal.							
	Quarter breaks 1 minute	1 minute	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
	Halftime 5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
	Players/Coaches Teams on opposite sideline	Teams on opposite sideline	Both teams are on the same sideline.	Both teams are on the same sideline.	Both teams are on the same sideline.	Both teams are on the same sideline.	Both teams are on the same sideline.	Both teams are on the same sideline.	Both teams are on the same sideline.
	Parents/Spectators Same side as players	Same side as players	Opposite sideline across from the team bench.	Opposite sideline across from the team bench.	Opposite sideline across from the team bench.	Opposite sideline across from the team bench.	Opposite sideline across from the team bench.	Opposite sideline across from the team bench.	Opposite sideline across from the team bench.
	Pets/Dogs No pets or dogs are allowed near the playing field.		Players, coaches, parents & spectators must remain 2 yards behind the touchline, may not be behind the goals or along the goal & penalty areas						
Law 2 The Ball	Ball size Size 3	Size 3	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 4	Size 5
Law 3 The Players	Players on the field 4 players	5 players	7 players	9 players	9 players	9 players	9 players	9 players	9 players
	Goalkeeper No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Goalie Safety n/a	No contact with a goalkeeper who has possession of the ball (1 finger on the ball = possession) or is bouncing or in the process of releasing the ball							
	Maximum roster 8 players	10 players	14 players	15 players	15 players	15 players	15 players	15 players	15 players
	Playing time Minimum 50%	Minimum 50%	Minimum 50 %	Minimum 50%	Minimum 50%	Minimum 50%	Minimum 50%	Minimum 50%	Minimum 50%
	Substitutions Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, during any stoppage of play or for an injury.								
Law 4 Player Equipment	Printed Rosters Not required	Not required	Printed rosters are not required to be submitted, but may be requested by the Certified Referee.						
	Equipment SYSA shirt, shorts, socks, shoes, and shin guards (completely covered by the socks). No jewelry. No taped earrings. In inclement weather, the SYSA uniform jersey should be worn as the outermost layer.								
Law 5 The Referee	Referee Coach/volunteer both on the field together.	Coach/volunteer both on the field together.	1 certified referee (will be requested)	1 certified referee (will be requested)	1 certified referee (will be requested)	1 certified referee (will be requested)	1 certified referee (will be requested)	1 certified referee (will be requested)	1 certified referee (will be requested)
Law 6 Other Refs	Assistant Referee none	none	none	Parent volunteers	Parent volunteers	Parent volunteers	Parent volunteers	Parent volunteers	Parent volunteers

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Law 7 Duration of the Match	Game duration 4 x 8 minutes	4 x 10 minutes	2 x 25 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes
	Practices per week 1 x 45 minutes	1 x 60 minutes	2 x 60 minutes	2 x 60 minutes	2 x 60 minutes	2 x 60 minutes	2 x 60 minutes	2 x 60 minutes	2 x 60 minutes
	Distance from free kicks 4 yards	4 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards	8 yards
Law 8 Start & ReStart of Play	Goalkeeper privileges n/a	Drop kicks & punts NOT allowed	Drop kicks & punts NOT allowed	Drop kicks & punts allowed	Drop kicks & punts allowed	Drop kicks & punts allowed	Drop kicks & punts allowed	Drop kicks & punts allowed	Dropkicks & punts allowed
	Kick Off The opposing team must be behind their goal line.	The opposing team must be behind their goal line.	The opposing team must be outside the center circle on their half of the field.	The opposing team must be outside the center circle on their half of the field.	The opposing team must be outside the center circle on their half of the field.	The opposing team must be outside the center circle on their half of the field.	The opposing team must be outside the center circle on their half of the field.	The opposing team must be outside the center circle on their half of the field.	The opposing team must be outside the center circle on their half of the field.
Law 9 Ball In & Out of Play	Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game. The whole of the ball over the whole of the line.								
Law 10 Method of Scoring	Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game. The whole of the ball over the whole of the line, under the cross bar and between the uprights.								
Law 11 Offside	There will not be published team standings, and game scores will not be recorded.								
	Offside No offside. Players should not be positioned in front of the goal.	No offside. Players should not be positioned in front of the goal.	Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build-out line and the goal line.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Law 12 Fouls & Misconducts	Play should be stopped when a player acts in a careless, reckless or dangerous manner. Restart free kick to the opposing team at the spot of the foul.								
	Heading (restart idk) No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Slide tackling (restart idk) No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Goalkeeper Drop kick or Punts n/a	Not allowed	Not allowed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Law 13 Free Kicks	Indirect only	Indirect only	Direct and Indirect	Direct and Indirect	Direct and Indirect	Direct and Indirect	Direct and Indirect	Direct and Indirect	Direct and Indirect
Law 14 Penalty Kicks	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Law 15 Throw-In	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game.								
Law 16 Goal Kick	Unlimited do-overs	One do-over	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game.	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game.	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game.	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game.	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game.	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game.	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game.
	Taken anywhere within the goal area. The opposing team must be behind the halfway line.	Taken anywhere within the goal area. The opposing team must be behind the halfway line.	The opposing team must be behind the build-out line.	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game
Law 17 Corner Kick	Place in the vicinity of the corner	Place in the vicinity of the corner	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game	Conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game
Additional									Aug-Dec 2012 can register if in the 8th grade