2024-2025 SYSA SOCCER
Modified Laws of the Game

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|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2020 \text { (U5) } \\ & 2019 \text { (U6) } \\ & 2018 \text { (U7) } \end{aligned}$ | 2017 (U8) | $\begin{gathered} 2016 \text { (U9) } \\ 2015 \text { (U10) } \end{gathered}$ | 2014 (U11) | 2013 (U12) | 2012-2011 (U14) |
|  |  | 4 v 4 | 5 v 5 | 7 v 7 | 9 v 9 | 9 v 9 | 9 v 9 |
| Law 1 Field of Play | Maximum field dimensions | $20 \times 35$ yards | $25 \times 40$ yards | $35 \times 55$ yards | $50 \times 75$ yards | $50 \times 75$ yards | $50 \times 75$ yards |
|  | Corner arcs | none | none | 1 yard | 1 yard | 1 yard | 1 yard |
|  | Center Circle Radius | none | none | 8 yards | 8 yards | 8 yards | 8 yards |
|  | Goal area | 6 yard line | 6 yard line | 4 ydx 8 yd | $5 \mathrm{yd} \times 16 \mathrm{yd}$ | $5 \mathrm{yd} \times 16 \mathrm{yd}$ | $5 \mathrm{yd} \times 16 \mathrm{yd}$ |
|  | Penalty area | none | none | $12 \times 24 \mathrm{yd}$ | $14 \mathrm{yd} \times 36 \mathrm{yd}$ | $14 \mathrm{yd} \times 36 \mathrm{yd}$ | $14 \mathrm{yd} \times 36 \mathrm{yd}$ |
|  | Penalty arc | none | none | 8 yards | 8 yards | 8 yards | 8 yards |
|  | Penalty mark | none | none | 10 yards | 10 yards | 10 yards | 10 yards |
|  | Build out Line | none | none | Equidistant between penalty and halfway line | none | none | none |
|  | Goals | $4 \times 6 \mathrm{ft}$ goals | $4 \times 6$ or $6 \times 12 \mathrm{ft}$ goals | $6 \times 18 / 7 \times 21 \mathrm{ft}$ goals | 7x21/8×24 ft goals | 7x21/8x24 ft goals | 7x21/8×24 ft goals |
|  | Goal height with cones | n/a | When cones are used | for goals, the top of the go | oalkeeper's hands will be c | nsidered the height of the | goal. |
|  | Quarter breaks | 1 minute | 1 minute | none | none | none | none |
|  | Halftime | 5 minutes | 5 minutes | 5 minutes | 5 minutes | 5 minutes | 5 minutes |
|  | Players/Coaches | Teams on opposite sideline | Teams on opposite sideline | Teams on same sideline. | Teams on same sideline. | Teams on same sideline. | Teams on same sideline. |
|  | Parents/Spectators | Same side as players | Same side as players | Opposite sideline across from team bench | Opposite sideline across from team bench | Opposite sideline across from team bench | Opposite sideline across from team bench |
|  |  | Players, coaches, parents \& spectators must remain 2 yds behind touchline, may not be behind goals or along the goal \& penalty areas |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Pets/Dogs | No pets or dogs allowed near the playing field. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Law 2 The Ball | Ball size | Size 3 | Size 3 | 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 |
|  | Goalkeeper | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | Goalie Safety | n/a | No contact with a goal | Ikeeper who has possessio | of the ball (1 finger on th | he ball = possession) |  |
|  | Maximum roster | 8 players | 10 players | 14 players | 15 players | 15 players | 15 players |
|  | Playing time | 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. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Printed Rosters | Not required | Not required | Printed rosters are not required to be submitted but may be requested by the Certified Referee |  |  |  |
| Law 4 Player Equipment | Equipment | SYSA shirt, shorts, socks, shoes and shin guards completely covered by the socks. No jewelry. No taped earrings. In inclement weather, the SYSA shirt should be worn as the outermost layer. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Law 5 The Referee | Referee | Coach/volunteer | Coach/volunteer | 1 certified referee | 1 certified referee | 1 certified referee | 1 certified referee |
| Law 6 Other Refs | Assistant Referee | none | none | none | Parent volunteer | Parent volunteer | Parent volunteer |
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|  |  | 4 v 4 | 5 v 5 | 7 v 7 | $9 \times 9$ | $9 \times 9$ | $9 \vee 9$ |
| Law 7 Duration of the Match | Game duration | $4 \times 8$ minutes | $4 \times 10$ minutes | $2 \times 25$ minutes | $2 \times 30$ minutes | $2 \times 30$ minutes | $2 \times 30$ minutes |
|  | Practices per week | $1 \times 45$ minutes | $1 \times 60$ minutes | $2 \times 60$ minutes | $2 \times 60$ minutes | $2 \times 60$ minutes | $2 \times 60$ minutes |
|  | Goalkeeper privileges | n/a | Drop kicks \& punts NOT allowed | Drop kicks \& punts NOT allowed | Dropkicks \& punts allowed | Dropkicks \& punts allowed | Dropkicks \& punts allowed |
| 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. Whole of the ball over the whole of the line, under the cross bar and between the uprights. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | There will be not be published team standings and games scores will not be recorded. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Law 11 Offside | 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 |
| Law 12 Fouls \& Misconducts | Play should be stopped when a player acts in a careless, reckless or dangerous manner. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Heading (restart idk) | No | No | No | No | No | No |
|  | Slide tackling (restart idk) | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  | Goalkeeper Drop kick or Punts | n/a | Not allowed | Not allowed | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Law 13 Free Kicks |  | Indirect only | Indirect only | Direct and Indirect | Direct and Indirect | Direct and Indirect | Direct and Indirect |
| Law 14 Penalty Kicks |  | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Law 15 Throw In |  | Unlimited do-overs | One do-over | Conform to the FIFA Laws of the game. |  |  |  |
| Law 16 Goal Kick |  | Taken anywhere within the goal area. Opposing team must be behind the halfway line. | Taken anywhere within the goal area. Opposing team must be behind the halfway line. | 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 |
| 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 |
| Additional |  |  |  |  |  |  | Aug-Dec 20101can register if in the 8th grade |

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[^0]:    * Expanded rules by age level can be found on the SYSA website. Page 2

