## 2024-2025 SYSA SOCCER Modified Laws of the Game

		2020 (U5) 2019 (U6) 2018 (U7)	2017 (U8)	2016 (U9) 2015 (U10)	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 x 35 yards	25 x 40 yards	35 x 55 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				
	Center Circle Radius	none	none	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				
	Penalty area	none	none	12 x 24 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				
	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 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				
	Goal height with cones	n/a	When cones are used for goals, the top of the goalkeeper's hands will be considered 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				
		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 allowe	gs 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 goalkeeper who has possession of the ball (1 finger on the 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 m	ade, 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 re	equired to be submitted bu	it may be requested by the	Certified Referee				
Law 4 Player Equipment	Equipment	SYSA shirt, shorts, sock	shirt, shorts, socks, shoes and shin guards completely covered by the socks. No jewelry. No taped earrings. In inclement weather, the SYSA shirt lld 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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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			
	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			
	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 t	he Game. The whole of t	he 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		should not be	should not be	Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out						
	Offside			line and the goal line.	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Law 12 Fouls &	Play should be stopped when a player acts in a careless, reckless or dangerous manner.									
Misconducts	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				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			

<sup>\*</sup> Expanded rules by age level can be found on the SYSA website. Page 2