

U-9 and U-10 Age Divisions

LAW 1 – THE FIELD OF PLAY

- A. Dimensions: The U9/U10 field is fifty (50) yards long by forty (40) yards wide. Field size may vary as allowed by USYSA.
- B. Markings:
 - 1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 - 2. Halfway lines shall be marked entire width of field.
 - 3. Center circle with a six (6) yard radius.
 - 4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
 - 5. Goal box extending three (3) yards either side of goal out approximately three (3) yards from end line for ball placement on goal kicks.
 - 6. Penalty Area: Extends from 6 yards either side of goal out to 12 yards from the goal line. Penalty mark is ten (10) yards out from horizontal midpoint of goal.
- C. Goals: Goals for U9/U10 shall be eighteen (18) feet wide by seven (7) feet tall.

LAW 2 – THE BALL

- A. The ball used for U9/U10 games shall be a regulation soccer ball, size four (4).

LAW 3 – THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is six (6) per side. Minimum number of players shall be four (4).
- B. One (1) goalie per side shall be used. Goalie shall wear a distinctive colored jersey different from the colors of either team.
- C. Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of total playing time.
- D. Substitutions:
 - 1. May be made at any time during a stoppage of play with the following **exceptions**:
 - a. Other team's throw-in.
 - b. Any free kick by either team.
 - c. Any corner kick by either team.
 - 2. Referee must acknowledge all substitutions prior to player coming on the field.

LAW 4 – THE PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW 5 – THE REFEREE

- A. USSF registered referee.
- B. Referee's decision on points of fact connected with the game shall be FINAL.
- C. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW 6 – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

- A. No assistant referees will be used.

LAW 7 – THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

- A. The U9/10 game shall be divided into two halves of 25 minutes each.
- B. There shall be a five (5) minute break between halves.

LAW 8 – THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW 9 – THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW 10 – THE METHOD OF SCORING

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW 11 – OFFSIDE

- A. There is no offside in the U9/U10 game.

LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- A. Conform to FIFA with the following modifications.
- B. The referee will briefly explain all infractions to the offending player.
- C. Fouls and misconduct outside a team's own penalty area will result in the ball being turned over to the other team. Play will be restarted with an **indirect free kick** from the spot of the foul.
- D. Major fouls and misconduct (refer to FIFA) committed within the player's own penalty area, will result in a penalty kick for the opposing team.
 - 1. The kick will be taken from the penalty mark.
 - 2. All players, except for the kicker and the defending goalkeeper, shall remain outside of the penalty area until the ball is kicked.
 - 3. The goalkeeper may move from side-to-side but must remain on the goal line until the ball is kicked.
 - 4. Infringements:
 - a. Attacking player enters penalty area too early: If goal is scored, kick is retaken. If goal is not scored, IFK for defending team from spot of infringement.
 - b. Defending player enters penalty area too early: If goal is scored, goal counts and play restarts with kickoff from center circle by defending team. If goal is not scored, kick is retaken.
 - c. Goalkeeper moves from goal line before ball is kicked: If goal is scored, goal counts and play restarts with kickoff from center circle by defending team. If goal is not scored, kick is retaken.

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- E. The goalkeeper may not handle the ball in his own penalty area if it is deliberately played to him from the foot of one of his teammates. If this occurs it will result in the awarding of an **indirect free kick** for the opposing team from where the infraction occurred.
- F. Defending players must remain six (6) yards from the ball until it is kicked.

LAW 13 – FREE KICKS

- A. Conform to FIFA, except as modified by LAW 12 above, and that all players shall remain six (6) yards from the ball until it is kicked.

LAW 14 – THE PENALTY KICK

- A. Refer to LAW 12 above.

LAW 15 – THE THROW-IN

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW 16 – THE GOAL KICK

- A. Conform to FIFA, except that a goal may not be scored directly from a goal kick.

LAW 17 – THE CORNER KICK

- A. Conform to FIFA, except that a goal may not be scored directly from a corner kick.

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LAW 18 – INJURIES

- A. A coach may come on the field for an injury only AFTER the referee summons him/her.
- B. An injured player may be substituted for.
- C. The referee may allow play to continue if he invokes the advantage clause, and he deems the injury to be not serious. Play will continue until a normal stoppage in play or until the referee blows his whistle upon the loss of advantage.

LAW 19 – COACHES

- A. Coaches and assistant coaches must remain within the coaches' box at all times. The coaches' box (even if not physically marked) is two yards off the touch line, 3 yards deep, and extends six yards either side of the mid-field line.
- B. A maximum of three coaches may be in the coaches' box.
- C. Coaches are not allowed on the field unless summoned by the referee.
- D. Coaches shall not talk to the referee during the course of the game. The coach may only talk to the referee before the game, during half time breaks and after the game
- E. Absolutely no abusive, vulgar, flagrant, or threatening speech will be allowed toward the referee. Refer to SLSC Bylaws for definitions of referee abuse.

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- F. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their parents and spectators.

LAW 20 – PARENTS

- A. All parents and spectators shall remain behind the spectators' line during the game. The spectators' line (even if not physically marked) is half the distance between fields or five (5) yards, whichever is less.
- B. Parents and spectators are not allowed to coach players from the sidelines.
- C. Parents and spectators are not allowed to stand behind goals or the goal lines.
- D. Parents are not allowed on the field at any time during the game.
- E. Parents are not allowed to talk to the referee.
- F. Negative flagrant yelling or screaming by a parent or spectator toward players, other parents and spectators, and the referee is not allowed.
- G. Any violation of these rules by a parent or spectator may result in the violator being ejected from the vicinity of the field before play resumes.