

MICROs

Under 6 Playing Rules

Law 1 – The Field of Play:

Length: 25 (min) 30 (max) Meters

Width: 18 (min) 22 (max) Meters

Field Markings:

Distinctive lines not more than fifteen (15) centimetres wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of five (5) meters is marked around it.

NB: All field markings may be marked by the means of cones (woz-makers)

The Goal Area:

If 3 v 3 with no goalkeepers, There is no goal area.

The Penalty Area:

None.

Flag posts:

None

The Corner Arc:

None.

Goal Posts:

Pug nets will be used as goals. Flag poles and bicycle whip sticks are unacceptable due to safety concerns.

Law 2 – The Ball:

The ball must conform to FIFA standards and **must** conform to the FIFA inflation specifications. Size three (3).

Law 3 – The Number of Players:

Teams consisting of 3 players. There is no goalkeeper.

Players must take equal turns in all field positions including the goalkeeper position that must be rotated at half time. It is not necessary that all players play in the goalkeeper position during a single game.

Substitutions:

At any stoppage, substitutions are unlimited and must be done with the officials' permission.

Playing time:

All players SHALL play equal playing time.

Law 4 – The Players Equipment:

Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Jewelry is not permitted.

Law 5 – The Referee:

No referee will be used. Coaches are allowed on the field and will act as the referee/nominated person. Each team's coach will referee a half.

The nominated person's role is to keep players safe and ensure that the game is played under the "fair play" code.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees:

None required, the coaches decide as to which team the kick in is awarded to.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match:

The match will be reseeded by a practice session. The session's duration is at the discretions of the coaches and should be equal to or longer than the match duration. The match shall be divided into two (2) equal fifteen (15) minute half's. There shall be a five (5) minute break between half's.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play:

Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play. Dropped balls are not part of Small Sided Games Program at this age group an indirect free kick will be awarded to the team who had possession when the play was stopped.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play:

Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring:

Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 – Offside:

None.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:

Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in an indirect free kick. The referee or nominated person coaches must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her goal area into the opponents goal area. No cards shown for misconduct.

If a player intentionally strikes, deliberately kicks or spits at an opponent, this player must be substituted and will not be permitted to participate further during the game. The coach should inform the player as to why and correct these actions.

Law 13 – Free Kicks:

Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that all free kicks are indirect and opponents are at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick:

None.

Law 15 – The Throw-In:

A kick-in will replace the official throw-in at this age group. A kick-in is to be considered as an indirect free kick with the opponents five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick:

The goal kick should be taken within 3 meters off the goal line anywhere across the width of the field of play at the nearest point from where the ball was retrieved. Opposing players must be five (5) meters away from the ball until it is in play.

Unlike FIFA a goal cannot be scored directly from a goal kick.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick:

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play. **Unlike FIFA a goal cannot be scored directly from a corner kick.**