



JYSA Official Under 8 Laws of the Game Modifications (Update 04/18/17)

NOTE: Keeper Restrictions and Restrictions on Heading the Ball

- **Players are prohibited from deliberately heading the ball during competition and train**
 - A direct free-kick will be awarded to the opposing team at the spot of the foul if a player deliberately head the ball during a game
 - If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the direct free kick should be taken on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurs
 - *[Note: It is a direct kick in U8, because of the JYSA Modifications that all U8 kicks are direct]*
- **Goalkeepers are prohibited from punting the ball**
 - If the goalkeeper punts the ball an indirect free kick will be awarded and should be taken on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the point to where the infringement occurs
 - *[Note: It is a direct kick in U8, because of the JYSA Modifications that all U8 kicks are direct]*

Law 1 – Field of Play

- The Field of Play: The dimensions are smaller to accommodate the five versus five (5v5) game.
- Field Markings: The center circle gives the players a concrete marking on where to be for the kickoff. The corner arc.

Law 2 – The Ball

- The Ball: must be a size three.

Law 3 – The Number of Players

- A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than five players one of whom is the goalkeeper.
- Substitutions:
 - By either team
 - Prior to goal kick
 - Following a goal
 - Following an injury once the referee stops play
 - Following a caution or ejection
 - At half-time
 - By team putting the ball into play prior to a throw in. If the opposing team has a substitute ready, they can substitute as well
- Playing time: Each player **SHALL** play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- Teams and games may be coed.



Law 4 - The Players Equipment:

- Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

Law 5 – The Referee:

- U.S.S.F. Grade 9 or higher referee.
- All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees: None.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match:

- The match shall be divided into four (4) equal, (12) minute quarters. There shall be two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four. There shall be a halftime interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 – Start of Play: Conform to FIFA

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 in this age group.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:

- Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in a direct free kick.
- The referee should explain infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct.

Law 12 – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA

- The exceptions that all free kicks are direct and opponents are at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick:

- None. U8 the ball is placed on the nearest penalty line & a direct free kick is awarded from that point.

Law 15 – The Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick:

- Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least four (4) yards from the ball until it is in play.