

U-11 and U-12 Age Divisions

LAW 1 – THE FIELD OF PLAY

- A. Dimensions: The U11/U12 field is eighty (80) yards long by fifty (50) 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 an eight (8) 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 U11/U12 shall be twenty-one (21) feet wide by seven (7) feet tall.

LAW 2 – THE BALL

- A. The ball used for U11/U12 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 eight (8) per side, including one goalie. Minimum number of players shall be five (5).
- B. 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.

LAW 6 – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

- A. USSF registered referee or Club referee appointed by the Center Referee.

LAW 7 – THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

- A. The U11/12 game shall be divided into two halves of thirty (30) 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. Conform to FIFA.

LAW 12 – FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- A. Conform to FIFA, except that for a free kick restart defending players must remain eight (8) yards from the ball until it is kicked.

LAW 13 – FREE KICKS

- A. Conform to FIFA, except that defending players must remain eight (8) yards from the ball until it is kicked.

LAW 14 – THE PENALTY KICK

- A. Conform to FIFA, except that defending players must remain eight (8) yards from the ball until it is kicked.

LAW 15 – THE THROW-IN

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW 16 – THE GOAL KICK

- A. Conform to FIFA.

LAW 17 – THE CORNER KICK

- A. Conform to FIFA, except that defending players must remain eight (8) yards from the ball until it is kicked.
- B. No substitutions may be made by either team at the time of a corner kick.

ADDITIONAL SLSC LAWS OF THE GAME

LAW 18 – 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 eight 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.
- F. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their parents and spectators.

LAW 19 – 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.