

## **Official Under 12 Playing Rules**

The BCSA recommended modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

### **Law 1 – The Field of Play**

Length: 75 meters (Max)

Width: 55 meters (Max)

**Field Markings:** Distinctive lines not more than fifteen (15) centimeters 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 ten (10) meters is marked around it. An offside line parallel to the centre line should be marked from touch line to touch line at the attacking third mark.

**The Goal Area:** A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows:

Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, fourteen (14) meters from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of fourteen (14) meters and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made ten (10) meters from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of ten (10) meters from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.

**Flag posts:** Conform to FIFA.

**The Corner Arc:** Conform to FIFA.

**Goals Posts:** Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line and measure 5.486 x 1.981 Meters 18feet wide and 6.5feet high.

**Law 2 – The Ball:** Size four (4).

**Law 3 – The Number of Players:** A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eight (8) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players.

**Substitutions:** At any stoppage and unlimited.

**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:** Use BCSA Registered referee.

**Law 6 – The Assistant Referee:** Use BCSA registered officials

**Law 7 – The Duration of the Match:** The match will be divided into two (2) halves of thirty (30) minutes each. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

**Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least eight (8) meters from the ball until it is in play.

**Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 10 – The Method of Scoring:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 11 – Offside:** Conform to FIFA with the exception of only occurring in the attacking third.

**Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that 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 penalty area into the opponents penalty area.

**Law 13 – Free Kicks:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least ten (10) meters from the ball.

**Law 14 – The Penalty Kick:** Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that the penalty mark is at ten yards and that players other than the kicker and defending goalkeeper are at least ten (10) meters from the penalty mark.

**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 ten (10) meters away from the ball until it is in play.