

***Eastern Carolina Soccer Association
Laws of the Game Modifications***

U9 and U10 Recreation

Law 1: The Field

- A.** Dimensions:
The field of play shall be rectangular. Minimum dimensions 35 yards wide and 45 yards long. Maximum dimensions 45 yards wide and 60 yards long.
- B.** Markings:
1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 2. A halfway line shall be marked across the field.
 3. A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.
 4. Four (4) corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
 5. Goal Area shall be six (6) yards in depth and six (6) yards out from each goal post in width.
 6. Penalty area shall be ten (10) yards in depth and ten (10) yards out from each goal post in width. A penalty kick mark shall be made eight (8) yards out from the goal line centered between the goal post.
 7. Spectator Lines running parallel with both touchlines from penalty area to penalty area.
- C.** Goals:
Recommended: six (6) feet high and eighteen (18) feet wide.
Allowed: seven (7) feet high and twenty-one feet wide.
- D.** Coach's Area:
1. Teams on the same side of the field; coaches must stay in the area from penalty area to midfield outside the touchline on their end of the field.
 2. Teams on opposite sides of the field; coaches are permitted to move from penalty area to penalty area outside the touchline on their side of the field.
 3. A team is not permitted to have coaches on opposite sides of the field.
- E.** Coaches are permitted to confer with referees at the end of each period in a gentlemanly manner. This is not an opportunity to dispute calls, but rather a time for simple explanations of the rules.

Law II: The Ball Size four (4)

Law III: Number of Players

- A.** Maximum number of players on the field is six (6). One of whom shall be the goalkeeper.
- B.** Maximum number of players on the roster will not exceed twelve (12).
- C.** Substitutions: Player substitutions are permitted at quarter and halftime breaks.
- D.** Playing Time: Each player SHALL play in a minimum of two (2) quarters. (Exceptions are defined in ECSA Recreation Policy III Participation.
- E.** A team must have five (5) players to start or continue a match.

Law VII: Duration of the Game

- A.** The game shall be divided into four (4) equal twelve (12) minute quarters.
- B.** There shall be a four (4) minute break between quarters with a six (6) minute break at halftime.
- C.** The teams will only exchange ends of the field at the halftime break.

LAW XI: OFFSIDE

- A.** **There will be no offside.**