

# **GCFYSL RULES OF PLAY**

## **MODIFIED PLAYING RULES FOR U9 THROUGH U12**

### **Law I - The Field (Recommended Sizes)**

1. Dimensions:
  - U9 & U10 - 60 yards x 45 yards
  - U11 & U12 - 80 yards x 55 yards
2. Markings: Lines not more than five inches wide
3. Halfway line marked across field
4. Center circle with eight-yard radius
5. Corner arcs of two-foot radius
6. Goal area should be proportional to full size field goal area dimensions
7. Goals:
  - U9 & U10 – 6 feet high by 18 feet wide (6 ft. x 6 yds)
  - U11 & U12 – 7 feet high by 21 feet wide (7 ft. x 7 yds)

### **Law II - The Ball**

U9 thru U12: Size 4

### **Law III - Number of Players**

1. U9 & U10:  
Maximum of six players on the field at any one time, one of whom may be the goalkeeper.  
Maximum number on roster should not exceed *twelve*.
2. U11 & U12:  
Maximum of eight players on the field at any one time, one of whom may be the goalkeeper. Maximum number on roster should not exceed fourteen.
3. Substitution:  
Prior to a throw-in; prior to a goal kick; after a goal; at half-time; after injury when referee stops play.
4. Playing time:  
Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of total playing time. (GCF mandated rule)

### **Law IV - Players Equipment**

Footwear to be soft-cleated soccer shoes. *A manufacturer's* shinguards are mandatory.

### **Law V - Referee**

Registered referee and *assistant* referee. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

### **Law VI - Linesmen**

Same as FIFA.

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### **Law VII - Duration Of Game**

U9 and U10      2 – 25 minute halves  
U11 and U12    2 – 30 minute halves

### **Law VIII - Start Of Play**

Same as FIFA, except opponents must be eight yards away at start.

### **Law IX - Ball In And Out Of Play**

Same as FIFA.

### **Law X - Method Of Scoring**

Same as FIFA.

### **Law XI - Offsides**

Same as FIFA.

### **Law XII - Fouls And Misconduct**

Same as FIFA, except opponents must be eight yards away when free kick is taken. Referee must briefly explain foul to offending player.

### **Law XIII - Free Kicks**

Same as FIFA. All free kicks *must* be with opponents eight yards away.

### **Law XIV - Penalty Kick**

*Same as FIFA except kick from*  
*U9 and U10: eight yards out from goal*  
*U11 and U12: ten yards out from goal*

### **Law XV - Throw-In**

Same as FIFA.

### **Law XVI - Goal Kick**

Same as FIFA.

### **Law XVII- Corner Kick**

Same as FIFA except opponents must be seven yards away from ball.

Other: