



Real Colorado Edge Soccer Club

Laws of the Game

8U Small sided (5 v 5)

Law 1 – The Field of Play

The field of play must be rectangular. The dimensions for 8U Small sided (5 v 5) is 45 yards x 30 yards. The field is marked by distinctive lines not more than 5" in width. The field of play is divided into two halves by a mid-field line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. Size of the goal is 6' x 12'.

Law 2 – The Ball

Size 3

Law 3 – The Number of Players

A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 5 players on the field at a time (4 field players and a goal keeper). This law can only be superseded in the event that an opposing team has a sizeable goal difference. To make the game more equitable a player may be added. Substitutions may happen at either team's throw in or goal kick and are unlimited. Goal keepers are introduced at this age group.

Law 4 – Players Equipment

The player's equipment must conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. Shin guards are required!

Law 5 – The Referee

The coach of each team will share this responsibility and work as a facilitator to instruct players on the rules of the game as well as to ensure the safety of the players. One coach per team is allowed on the field. No coaches or parents behind the goal area.

Law 6 – The Duration of the Match

Match length will be 2 – 20 minute halves. Clock stops during substitutions.

Law 7 – The Start and Restart of the Match

Conform to FIFA.

Law 8 – The Ball In and Out of Play

Conform to FIFA.



Law 9 – Offside

In 8U (5 v 5) soccer the offside rule (conditional offside) is introduced and is only called when in the event of a major infraction of the law. The intent of this rule is stop a player from cherry picking or positioning themselves in a blatantly offside position to create an advantage. At the point of an infraction the coach/referee should explain the offense to the player.

Law 10 – Fouls & Misconduct

All fouls and misconduct will result in an indirect free kick with the opponent at least 4 yards away from the ball. The referee/coach/parent must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct. No deliberate heading is allowed. If a player deliberately heads a ball the referee may award a free kick from the spot of the infraction.

Law 11 – Free Kicks

All free kicks are indirect and opponents are at least 4 yards from the ball until it is in play. If a foul is committed in the goal box area, the ball will be placed on or just outside the goal box line closest to the infraction.

Law 12 – The Throw In

Conform to FIFA laws of the game.

Law 13 – The Goal Kick

The goal kick should be taken on the 6 yard line or goal box (see diagram on page 3). The opposing players must retreat behind the midfield line until the ball is in play.

Law 14 – The Corner Kick

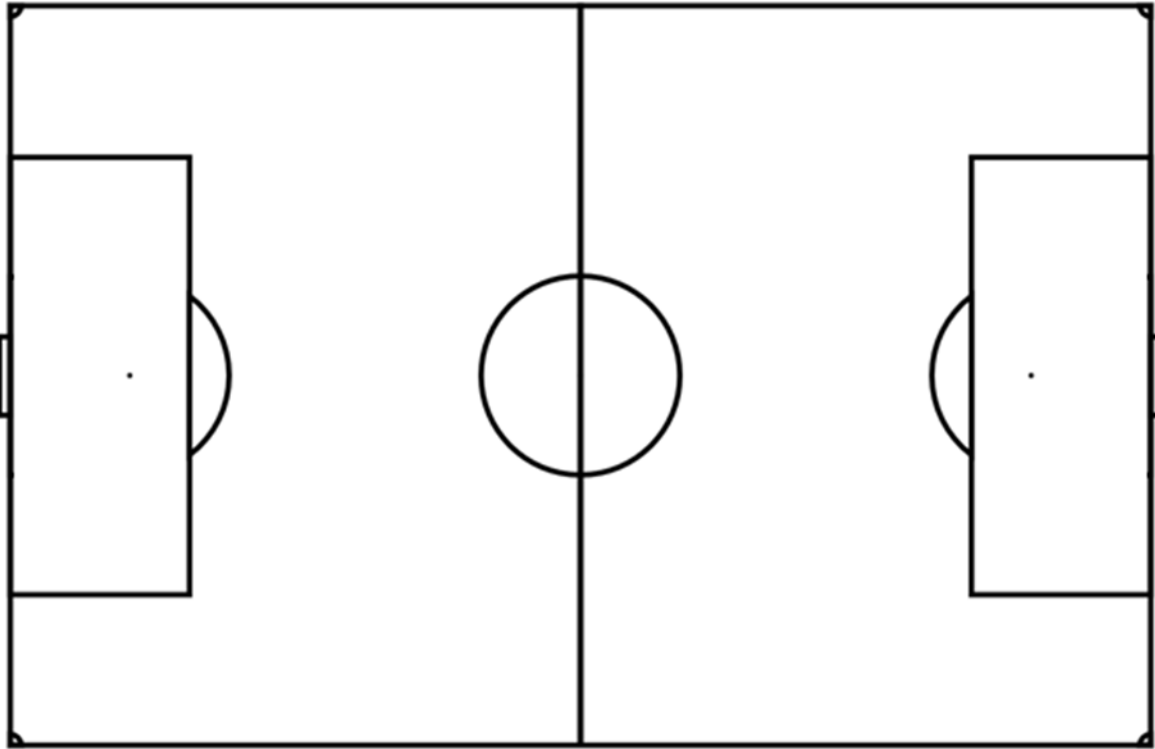
Conform to FIFA laws of the game with the exception that opponents remain at least 4 yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 16 – Retreat Rule

The retreat rule states that anytime a goal keeper comes in possession of the ball the attacking team, or in the case a goal kick is awarded, the attacking team must retreat to their defensive half of the field allowing the goal keeper or defender to play to ball to one of their players. Once the player has touched the ball the opposing team can then enter their attacking half begin to defend. The purpose of this rule is to allow young players the ability to play out of the back in a semi unopposed situation. Goal Keepers are not allowed to punt the ball!

Law 17 – The Uniform

The home team is required to wear a blue jersey and the visiting team is required to wear a white Jersey that has been club approved.



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