

MYSA Small-Sided Rules Under 12 – 9 v 9

Law 1 The field:

- a. Field Length- 70 yards minimum to 80 yards maximum
- b. Field Width- 45 yards minimum to 55 yards maximum
- c. Goal Size: 8.5 ft high by 18.5-ft wide.
- d. Goal Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.
- d. 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, four (4) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of four(4) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.
- e. Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, eight(8) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of twelve(12) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area.
- f. Halfway Line: A halfway line shall divide the field into two halves with a center mark indicated at the midpoint of the center line.
- g. Penalty Mark Within the penalty area a penalty mark is made 8 yards from the midpoint between the goal posts and equidistant to them.
- h. Penalty Arc 8 yd radius drawn from the penalty mark.
- i. Center Circle 8-yd radius drawn from the center mark.
- j. Corner Arc Conform to FIFA.
- k. Flag Posts Conform to FIFA.

Law 2 Ball Size: Size four (4).

Law 3 Number of players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than nine (9) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper.

- a. Maximum Roster The recommended minimum roster size is eleven (11) and the maximum recommended size is eighteen (18)
- b. Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited for Division I and Division II. Division III will substitute on quarters except for injured or cautioned players.
- c. Playing Time: Division III players SHALL play a minimum of 50 percent of total playing time.

Law 4 Player's Equipment: Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed in Division III based on weather conditions, but

uniforms must still distinguish teams. SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY.

Law 5 The Referee: Certified referee.

Law 6 **Assistant Referee:** Certified referee. For Division III may use club linesmen/lineswomen in the absence of registered referees except for State Cup Games, e.g., District Tournaments and State Recreation Tournament and President's Cup. Club linesman shall not call offside violations.

Law 7 **Duration of Game:** For Division III, the match shall be divided into four (4) equal, fifteen (15) minute quarters. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Division I and Division II will conform to FIFA with exception of the match being divided into two (2) equal halves of thirty

(30) minutes each. There will be a halftime interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 **Start of Play:** Conform to FIFA with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick being eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 **Ball in & Out of Play:** Conform to FIFA.

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

Law 11 **Offside:** Conform to FIFA.

Law 12 **Fouls & Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA.

Law 13 **Free Kicks:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that all opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14 **Penalty Kicks:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that the penalty mark is at eight (8) yards from the goal line.

Law 15 **Throw-in:** Conform to FIFA.

Law 16 **Goal Kick:** Conform to FIFA.

Law 17 **Corner kick:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that all opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.