

McMinnville Youth Soccer
Modified FIFA Laws
U12 Division

Law 1- The Field

- A. Field Size: 210' x 120'
- B. Goal Size: 21'W x 7' H X 3' D x 8'B

Law 2- The Ball

- A. Ball Size: four (4)

Law 3- The Number of Players

- A. A team must have 7 players minimum to play. The opposing team has the option to play with a full team, but can play with less to accommodate the team with fewer players. This option is at the discretion of the opposing coach.
- B. On Field: 9 players. (9v9). Note: The coach must remain in the coach's box (from the top of the penalty area to the midline). The coach must be at least 18 years of age. Only a parent or an assistant coach is permitted on the player's bench side of the field during the game.
- C. Goalkeepers are used in this age division.
- D. Substitutions as follows:
 - A. Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.
 - B. Prior to a goal kick
 - C. After a goal by either team
 - D. For an injured player
 - E. At the beginning of the 2nd half
 - F. After a caution
 - G. Red carded players may not be substituted for.

Spectators: Spectators must remain on the side of the field. No spectators on end lines or behind the goals.

Law 4- Players Equipment

- A. Footwear: Soccer cleats or tennis shoes (cleats preferred). Baseball or football cleats (cleats which contain a single cleat at the toe or very front of the shoe) are not allowed.
- B. Shin guards are required to be worn underneath the sock. The sock must completely cover the shin guards at all times. Players are not permitted to take the field without shin guards.
- C. All items of jewelry are strictly forbidden and must be removed prior to game time. This includes all necklaces and bracelets (whether string, leather, metal, or plastic), rings, earrings, nose rings, tongue rings, piercings, rubber bands, etc. Using tape or band-aids to cover jewelry is not acceptable. Players must remove from their hair all hard clips, beads, or large bows for hair. Soft "scrunchies" or pony-tail holders are permissible. The referees will inspect teams prior to each game and will ask a player out of

compliance in the area to remove the jewelry or hair accessory. The player will not be permitted to play unless they are in compliance.

Law 5- The Referee

- A. Certified or league approved referee.

Law 6- The Assistant Referees

- A. Certified or league approved referee.

Law 7- The Duration of the Match

- A. Length: The game shall be divided into 2 equal halves of 25 minutes each.
- B. Breaks: There shall be a 5 minute half-time break.
- C. Teams shall switch goals at half-time.

Law 8- The Start of Play

- A. Conform to FIFA Law with the following exception: Opponents must be at least 10 yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

Law 9- Ball in and out of play

- A. Conform to FIFA Law.

Law 10- Method of Scoring

- A. Conform to FIFA Law.

Law 11- Offside

- A. There is an offside offense in this division.

Law 12- Fouls and Misconduct

- A. Fouls shall be called with an understanding of the age of the players. A foul may be called if a player commits any of the following offenses: kicking, striking, or attempting to kick or strike an opponent. Charging or tackling an opponent in a violent, reckless, or dangerous manner. Tripping, pushing, or holding an opponent in a violent, reckless, or dangerous manner. Using obscene or profane language or making such gestures. Spitting on an opponent. A handball.
- B. Fouls will result either in an Indirect Free Kick or Direct Kick.
- C. The referee and/or coach shall explain all infractions to the offending player.
- D. There shall be No Slide Tackles.
- E. Conform to FIFA Law.
- F. Yellow card may be awarded for a (warning) and a Red card may be awarded for an (ejection from the game). If a player receives two yellow cards or one red card in a single game, the player will be ejected from the game. A team may not replace the ejected player with a substitute; they must play with a player short. If a player receives a red card, he/she will also be required to sit out the next game played.

Law 13- Free Kicks

- A. Free kicks are either direct (goal can be scored directly) or indirect (ball must be touched by two players before a goal can be scored). The ball must be stationary on the taking of the free kick and the kicker shall not touch the ball again until it has been touched by another player of either team.
- B. Conform to FIFA Law

Law 14- The Penalty Kick

- A. Conform to FIFA Law

Law 15- Throw-Ins

- A. Conform to FIFA Law

Law 16- Goal Kick

- A. Conform to FIFA Law

Law 17- Corner Kick

- A. Conform to FIFA Law

Law 18- Heading the Ball

- A. This division is allowed to head a ball in games.
- B. Heading is limited in training. The recommendation will be that heading the ball is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per week with no more than 15-20 headers per player, per week.

Law 19- Tie Breaker

- A. In the event two teams are tied at the end of regular play, kicks from the penalty mark will be taken per FIFA Law. Only players on the field at the end of regulation will be eligible to take kicks from the mark.

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