



## U12 Age Group 7v7 Rules of Competition

### Law I-The Field:

- A. Dimensions: 50 yds x (70 to 80) yds.
- B. Markings:
  - 1. A halfway line marked out across the field.
  - 2. Center Circle: 8 yd radius.
  - 3. Corner Arcs: 2 ft radius.
  - 4. Goal Area: 6 yds from each goal post and 6 yds into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
  - 5. Penalty Area: 14 yds from each goal post and 14 yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
  - 6. Penalty Spot: 8 yds from center of goal line.
- C. Goals: 6 x 18 up to 7 x 21.

### Law II-The Ball: **Size 4.**

### Law III-Number of Players:

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is 7 including the goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster shall not exceed 14.
- C. Substitutions: Conform to FIFA.

### Law IV-Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shinguards are mandatory.

### Law V-The Referee:

- A. Certified referee
- B. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

### Law VI-Linesman: Certified AR or club AR permissible

### Law VII-Duration of the Game: Two halves of 30 minutes each.

**Law VIII-The Start of Play:** Conform to FIFA, except opponent must be 8 yds from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

**Law IX-Ball in and Out of Play:** Conform to FIFA

**Law X-Method of Scoring:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law XI-Off-Side:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law XII-Fouls and Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law XIII-Free Kicks:** Conform to FIFA with the following except opponent must be 8 yds away before kick is allowed.

**Law XIV-Penalty Kicks:** Conform to FIFA except opponent must be 8 yds away.

**Law XV-Throw-In:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law XVI-Goal Kick:** Conform to FIFA

**Law XVII-Corner Kick:** Conform to FIFA with the following except opponents must be 8 yds away from the ball.

**\*See Addendum on page 2**



### Addendum for Heading, Punting and the Build-Out Line

1. No deliberate heading of the ball at U12
  - a. Restart on any infraction of this rule will be an Indirect Free Kick at spot of deliberate header
2. Punting in U12 age group is permitted.
3. No build-out line in U12. Half-way line is the off-side marker.