

# Sebastian Soccer Association

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## RECREATION LEAGUE RULES FOR SMALL SIDED GAMES

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#### Law I - The Field:

1. Field Size:

- A. U6 - 30 X 50 yards
- B. U8 - 30 X 50 yards
- C. U10 – 40 X 50 yards
- D. U12 – 50 X 80 yards

Note: U6, U8 fields will have an arch in front of the goal where no player can touch the ball.  
Penalty for this infraction will be covered in Law XIII.

2. Goals: U6 & U8 goals will be 4 X 6 feet.

U10 goals will be 6 X 18 feet.

U12 goals will be 7 X 21 feet

#### Law II - The Ball:

- 1. U6 & U8 will use size # 3.
- 2. U10 & U12 will use size # 4.

#### Law III - Number of Players:

- 1. U6 - 5 players on the field without a goalkeeper.
- 2. U8 - 7 players on the field without a goalkeeper.
- 3. U10 - 6 players on the field including a goalkeeper.
- 4. U12 - 6 players on the field including a goalkeeper.
- 5. Substitutions: Any stoppage of play.
- 6. Playing time: Each player **MUST** play 50% of the total playing time.

#### **Law IV: Players Equipment:**

1. All players must wear shin guards.
2. No jewelry allowed unless medical notification emblem (Must be taped to player). Orthopedic cast are not allowed.
3. No metal cleats or baseball cleats allowed, must be rounded soccer cleats. Tennis shoes allowed but not recommended.

#### **Law VII - Duration of Game:**

1. All games will 4 equal quarters except as noted.
  - U6 will play 8 minute quarters.
  - U8 will play 10 minute quarters.
  - U10 will play 12.5 minute quarters.
  - U12 will play 15 minute quarters.
2. There shall be a 2 minute break between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters.
3. There shall be a half time break of 5 minutes.
4. U6 will not change sides at the start of the second half.
5. U8, U10 & U12 will change sides at the start of the second half.

#### **Law VIII - Start of Play:**

1. U6 & U8 opponents must be 5 yards away from the ball.
2. U10 & U12 opponents must be 8 yards away from the ball.

#### **Law IX - Ball in and out of play:**

1. The ball is out of play when:
  - The whole ball has crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air.
  - Play has been stopped by the referee.
2. The ball is in play at all other times.

#### **Law X - Method of Scoring:**

1. No goal may be scored from your half of the field.
2. No goal may be scored if touched in the arch (U6 & U8 only).
3. No goal may be scored directly from an indirect free kick the ball must touch another player before entering the goal.

#### **Law XI - Offside:**

1. There shall be no offside called during U6 & U8 games.
2. Offside shall be called in U10 & U12.

### **Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct:**

1. Will conform to FIFA Laws of The Game.
2. No slide tackles allowed in U6, U8 & U10.
3. Any defensive player touching the ball in the Arch for U6 & U8 will result in a penalty kick as described in Law XIII of these rules.
4. Any attacking player touching the ball in the Arch for U6 & U8 will result in a free kick for the opposing team. The ball may be placed anywhere inside the arch.

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

1. U6 & U8 - All free kicks will be **indirect**.
  - a. Any foul that happens in the arch (U6 & U8) that would have resulted in a penalty kick will be taken from the center mark. The defensive team may be on their side of the field as long as they conform to Law VIII in these rules.
2. U10 & U12 will conform to FIFA rules except as noted in Law VIII in these rules.

### **Law XIV - Penalty Kicks:**

1. No penalty kicks shall be taken during these games (U6 & U8) except as noted in Law XIII in these rules.
2. U10 & U12 will have penalty kicks.

### **Law XV - Throw-in:**

1. All throw-ins will be taken at the point where the ball went out of play over the touchline either on the ground or in the air.
2. Throw-ins will be awarded to the opponent of the player who last touched the ball.
3. No goal may be scored directly from a throw-in.
4. All opponents must stand no less than 2 yards from the point at which the throw-in is taken.

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

1. Will conform to FIFA Laws of The Game with the following exceptions.
  - Will be taken from the arch for U6, U8.
  - All players must conform to Law VIII in these rules.

### **Law XVII - Corner Kicks:**

1. Will conform to FIFA Laws of The Game with the following exceptions.
  - All players must conform to Law VIII in these rules.