



# BCSA Under 8, 7 & 6 Playing Rules

## OFFICIAL UNDER 6 PLAYING RULES

The BCSA recommended age specific modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

### Law 1: The Field Of Play

Length: 25 (min) 30 (max) Meters

Width: 18 (min) 22 (max) Meters

Field Markings:

Distinctive lines not more than fifteen (15) centimetres wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of five (5) meters is marked around it.

NB: All field markings may be marked by the means of cones (woz-makers).

The Goal Area:

If 3 v 3 with no goalkeepers, there is no goal area.

If 3 v 3 plus a goalkeeper – a goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows:

Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line three (3) meters from the inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of three (3) meters and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.

The Penalty Area: None

Flag posts: None

The Corner Arc: None

Goal Posts:

Goals must be placed on the centre of each goal line and must be no larger than 2.438 x 1.524 Meters or 8 foot wide by 5 foot high. The maximum size has been established however, smaller sized goals will be permitted; these could be in the form of portable



goals, puggoals however must be the same size and must be safe and secure. Flag poles and bicycle whip sticks are unacceptable due to safety concerns.

### **Law 2: The Ball**

The ball must conform to FIFA standards and must conform to the FIFA inflation specifications. Size three (3)

### **Law 3: The Number of Players**

If the goal is smaller than 2.438 x 1.524 Meters / 8 foot wide by 5 foot high, the match is played by two teams each consisting of not more than three (3) players. There is no goalkeeper.

Team Size: 8 Minimum / 12 Maximum

Substitutions: Substitutions may be made at any stoppage during the game. Playing time: All players SHALL play equal playing time.

### **Law 4: The Players Equipment**

Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. The goalkeeper should wear a colour that distinguishes him/her from both teams. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Jewelry is not permitted.

### **Law 5: The Referee**

A Class 5 referee or a nominated official from the field if the Referee fails to conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

### **Law 6: The Assistant Referees**

None required. The referee or nominated person decides as to which team the kick in is awarded to.

### **Law 7: The Duration of the Match**

Each game should consist of two (2) fifteen (15) minute halves and have a five (5) minute half time.

### **Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play**



Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play. Dropped balls are not part of Small Sided Games Program at this age group an indirect free kick will be awarded to the team who had possession when the play was stopped.

### **Law 9: The Ball In And Out Of Play**

Conform to FIFA.

### **Law 10: The Method of Scoring**

Conform to FIFA.

### **Law 11: Offside**

None

### **Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in an indirect free kick. The referee or nominated person must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the centre spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or dropkicks the ball in the air from his/her goal area into the opponent's goal area. No cards shown for misconduct.

If a player intentionally strikes, deliberately kicks or spits at an opponent, this player must be substituted and will not be permitted to participate further during the game. The coach should inform the player as to why and correct these actions.

### **Law 13: Free Kicks**

Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that all free kicks are indirect and opponents are at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play.

### **Law 14: The Penalty Kick**

None

### **Law 15: The Throw-In**

A kick-in will replace the official throw-in at this age group. A kick-in is to be considered as an indirect free kick with the opponents five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play.



### **Law 16: The Goal Kick**

The goal kick should be taken within 3 meters off the goal line anywhere across the width of the field of play at the nearest point from where the ball was retrieved. Opposing players must be five (5) meters away from the ball until it is in play. Unlike FIFA a goal cannot be scored directly from a goal kick.

### **Law 17: The Corner Kick**

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play. Unlike FIFA a goal cannot be scored directly from a corner kick.

## **OFFICIAL UNDER 7 & UNDER 8 PLAYING RULES**

The BCSA recommended age specific modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

### **Law 1: The Field of Play**

Length: 30 (Min) 36 (Max) Meters

Width: 20 (Min) 25 (Max) Meters

Field Markings:

Distinctive lines not more than fifteen (15) centimetres wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of five (5) meters is marked around it.

NB: All field markings may be marked by the means of cones (woz-makers)

The 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 three (3) meters from the inside each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of three (3) meters and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area. If 3 v 3 with no goalkeepers, no goal area is required.

The Penalty Area: None

Flag posts: None



The Corner Arc: None

Goal Posts:

Goals must be placed on the centre of each goal line and must be no larger than 2.438 x 1.524 Meters or 8 feet wide by 5 feet high. The maximum size has been established however, smaller sized goals will be permitted; these could be in the form of portable goals, pugs and bicycle whip sticks are unacceptable due to safety concerns.

### **Law 2: The Ball**

The ball must conform to FIFA standards and must conform to the FIFA inflation specifications. Size three (3)

### **Law 3: The Number of Players**

If the goal is 2.438 x 1.524 Meters / 8 foot wide by 5 foot high the match is played by two teams, each consisting of four (4) players, one of which is a goalkeeper.

Players will take equal turns to play in all field positions including the goalkeeper position that must be rotated at half time. It is not necessary that all players play in the goalkeeper position during a single game.

Team Size: 8 Minimum / 12 Maximum

Substitutions: Substitutions may be made at any stoppage during the game. Playing time: All players SHALL play equal playing time.

### **Law 4: The Players Equipment**

Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. The goalkeeper should wear a colour that distinguishes him/her from both teams. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Jewelry is not permitted.

### **Law 5: The Referee**

A Class 5 referee or a nominated official from the field if the Referee fails to conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

### **Law 6: The Assistant Referees**

None required, the referee or nominated person decides as to which team the throw in is awarded to.



### **Law 7: The Duration of the Match**

Each game should consist of two (2) fifteen (15) minute halves and have a five (5) minute half time.

### **Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play**

Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play. Dropped balls are not part of Small Sided Games Program at this age group and an indirect free kick will be awarded to the team who had possession when the play was stopped.

### **Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play**

Conform to FIFA.

### **Law 10: The Method of Scoring**

Conform to FIFA.

### **Law 11: Offside**

None

### **Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct**

Conform to FIFA with the exception that all fouls shall result in an indirect free kick. The referee or nominated person must explain ALL infringements to the offending player. No cards shown for misconduct. An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the centre spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her goal area into the opponents goal area No cards shown for misconduct.

If a player intentionally strikes, deliberately kicks or spits at an opponent, this player must be substituted and will not be permitted to participate further during the game. The coach should inform the player as to why and correct these actions.

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Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that all kicks are indirect and all opponents are at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play.



### **Law 14: The Penalty Kick**

None

### **Law 15: The Throw-In**

Conform to FIFA.

### **Law 16: The Goal Kick**

Conform to FIFA except that: it shall be taken from anywhere within the goal area. Opponents must remain at least five (5) meters away from the ball until it is in play. Unlike FIFA a goal cannot be scored directly from a goal kick.

### **Law 17: The Corner Kick**

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least five (5) meters from the ball until it is in play. Unlike FIFA a goal cannot be scored directly from a corner kick.