

# **FLSL U9/U10 Modified Laws of the Game**

## *Modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game*

*\*To be used in conjunction with the Mini CPL Rules & Policies Document  
& the FIFA Laws of the Game Manual (unless there has been a modification made)*

### **Law 1 – The Field of Play:**

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

- Length: minimum 55 yards maximum 65 yards
- Width: minimum 35 yards maximum 45 yards

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.

- The field of play is divided into two (2) halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line.
- A circle with a radius of 7 yards is marked around the halfway line.
- The Goal Area: 4 x 14 yards
- The Penalty Area: 10 x 20 yards
- \* Build-Out Line: (in a separate color) on both halves of the field measuring from touchline to touchline - equal distance between the top of the penalty area & the halfway line.
- Flag posts: Conform to FIFA
- Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA
- Technical Area: should be 1 yard from the touchline, 10 yards in length, and located 3 yards from the center of the field (for both teams) - dashed lines are ok.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. Goal Size: 6' x 18' up to 7' x 21'.

- Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground.

Team Seating: Teams (Home & Away) are to sit on the same side of the field, and parents and spectators are to sit on the opposite side of the field, mirroring their team.

Home Team coach is responsible for correcting any issues with the field (ex.goal anchors).

### **Law 2 – The Ball: Size four (4).**

**Law 3 – The Number of Players: 7v7– (1 Goalkeeper & 6 Field Players); Minimum of 5 players.**

*Substitutions:* are allowed by either team at any natural stoppage of play and unlimited with the permission of the referee. Referees can deny a substitution if they deem it excessive, or of a time wasting nature. Coaches must be respectful of the integrity of the game and not use the free substitution rules as a means of disrupting the game.

When subbing a player, have the player stand 2 yards off the field at the halfway line, with a bib or pinny, and wait for the referee to recognize the substitution. The player is to wait until they are given permission to enter the field.

*Playing time:* Every effort shall be made for each player to play a minimum of 50% of the game.

**Law 4** – The Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 5** – The Referee: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 6** – The Assistant Referees: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 7** – The Duration of the Match: 2 – 25 minute halves with 10 minute half-time.

**Law 8** – The Start and Restart of Play: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 9** – The Ball In and Out of Play: Conform to FIFA.

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

**Law 11** – Offside: Conform to FIFA. The \*build out line denotes where an offside offense may begin to be penalized, replacing the halfway line for 7v7 competition. Players are not penalized for offside between the halfway line and the build out line.

**Law 12** – Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA.

- Slide tackling is strictly PROHIBITED for U9/U10 and will be considered dangerous play, an Indirect Free Kick (IFK) to the opposing team.
- No heading of the ball. Intentional heading will result in an Indirect free kick (IFK) to the opposing team.

**Law 13** – Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA. U9/10 have a 7 yard standoff.

**Law 14** – The Penalty Kick: Conform to FIFA. U9/U10 is set at 10-yards.

**Law 15** – Throw-In: Conform to FIFA.

**Law 16** – The Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA. The opposing players must retreat behind the \*build out line until the ball is in play. The team taking the goal kick may choose to restart play before the opponents have retreated behind the build out line.

**Law 17** – The Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA.

\*The build out line is used to promote playing the ball out of the back in an unpressured setting. When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line. At any time, the goalkeeper may pass, throw or roll the ball to a teammate, but the goalkeeper does so accepting the positioning of the opponents and the consequences of how play resumes. Punts or drop-kicks are not allowed as this would defeat the purpose of the build out line and reduces the opportunity to play out of the defending third in an unpressured setting. After the ball is put into play, the opposing team can then cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.