

188 Challenge

Laws of the Game

All Tournament games are governed by the most current edition of FIFA's Laws of the Game with the variations listed below on the chart. If there is nothing listed in a cell in the chart below, there is no variation from FIFA's Laws of The Game.

Law	U10	U12	U14-19
1 – The Field of Play	Length 59-1/2 yards Width 40 yards Center Circle 8 yard radius Goal 6' x 18' Penalty arc 8 yards from penalty spot Penalty mark 8 yards from goal line	Length 75 yards Width 50 yards Center Circle 8 yard radius Goal 6' x 18' Penalty arc 8 yards from penalty spot Penalty mark 10 yards from goal line	Length 120 yards Width 75 yards
2 – The Ball	Size 4 Ball	Size 4 Ball	Size 5 Ball
3 – The Number of Players	Roster – 12 max 6v6 (includes GK) ALL COACHES MUST HAVE PASSES Unlimited substitution at any stoppage with permission of the referee.	Roster 16 max 8v8 (includes GK) ALL COACHES MUST HAVE PASSES Unlimited substitution at any stoppage with permission of the referee.	Roster - 22 max 11v11 (includes GK) ALL MUST HAVE PASSES Unlimited substitution at any stoppage with permission of the referee.
4 – The Player's Equipment	Shin guards MANADATORY. No jewelry.	Shin guards MANADATORY. No jewelry.	Shin guards MANADATORY. No jewelry.
5 – The Referee	Single USSF licensed referee.	USSF licensed referee.	USSF licensed referee.
6 – The Assistant Referees	No assistant referees	USSF licensed referee assistants.	USSF licensed referee assistants.
7 – The Duration of the Match	28 minutes (short halftime)	28 minutes (short halftime)	28 minutes (no halftime, but switch sides)
8 – Start and Restart of Play	Opposing players must be at least 8 yards from the ball on kick-offs	Opposing players must be at least 8 yards from the ball on kick-offs	
9 - Ball in and Out of Play			
10 – The Method of scoring			
11 - Offside	No offside penalties shall be called		
12 – Fouls and Misconduct	Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player deliberately heads the ball, a free kick shall be awarded from the point of the infraction subject to the exceptions in Law 13.	Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponent's penalty area.	
13 – Free Kicks	Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.	Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.	

14 – The Penalty Kick	Opposing players must be at least 8 yards from the ball. The penalty mark is made eight (8) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.	Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that the penalty mark is at ten yards and that players other than the kicker and defending goalkeeper are at least eight (8) yards from the penalty mark.	
15 – The Throw In			
16 – The Goal Kick	<p>Conforms to FIFA with the following exceptions:</p> <p>a) The opposing team MUST retreat to their own half of the field.</p> <p>b) The kicker MUST WAIT until this happens.</p> <p>c) The opposing team CAN ATTACK AS SOON AS THE BALL IS KICKED AND MOVES.</p> <p>d) If the ball does not leave the penalty area, the goal kick should be retaken.</p> <p>e) The ball must touch the ground or another player before crossing the halfway line</p> <p><i>For ANY violation of the above, the goal kick MUST BE RETAKEN.</i></p> <p>Time may be added for these violations.</p>		
17 – The Corner Kick	Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.	Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.	
OTHER	<p>KEEPER POSSESSION:</p> <p>If the goalkeeper gains possession of the ball with his or her hands:</p> <p>a) The opposing team MUST retreat to their own half of the field.</p> <p>b) The keeper MUST WAIT until this happens.</p> <p>c) The keeper MUST DISTRIBUTE THE BALL with his or her hands.</p> <p>d) The opposing team CAN ATTACK AS SOON AS THE BALL LEAVES THE KEEPER’S HANDS.</p> <p>e) The ball must touch the ground or another player before crossing the halfway line</p> <p><i>For ANY violation of the above, the keeper possession MUST BE REPEATED.</i> Time may be added for these violations.</p>		