

***Eastern Carolina Soccer Association
Laws of the Game Modifications***

U9 & U10 Recreation and Challenge (Aug. 2009)

Law 1: The Field

- A. Dimensions:
The field of play shall be rectangular. Minimum dimensions 35 yards wide and 45 yards long. Maximum dimensions 45 yards wide and 60 yards long.
- B. Markings:
 - 1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 - 2. A halfway line shall be marked across the field.
 - 3. A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.
 - 4. Four (4) corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
 - 5. Goal Area shall be six (6) yards in depth and six (6) yards out from each goal post in width.
 - 6. Penalty area shall be ten (10) yards in depth and ten (10) yards out from each goal post in width. A penalty kick mark shall be made eight (8) yards out from the goal line centered between the goal post.
 - 7. Spectator Lines running parallel with both touchlines from penalty area to penalty area.
- C. Goals:
Recommended: six (6) feet high and eighteen (18) feet wide.
Allowed: seven (7) feet high and twenty-one feet wide.
- D. Coach's Area:
 - 1. Teams on the same side of the field; coaches must stay in the area from penalty area to midfield outside the touchline on their end of the field.
 - 2. Teams on opposite sides of the field; coaches are permitted to move from penalty area to penalty area outside the touchline on their side of the field.
 - 3. A team is not permitted to have coaches on opposite sides of the field.
- E. Coaches are permitted to confer with referees at the end of each period in a gentlemanly manner. This is not an opportunity to dispute calls, but rather a time for simple explanations of the rules.

Law II: The Ball Size four (4)

Law III: Number of Players

- A. Maximum number of players on the field is six (6). One of whom shall be the goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster will not exceed twelve (12).
- C. Substitutions: Player substitutions are permitted during possession throw-ins, goal kicks, after the scoring of a goal and at halftime.
- D. Playing Time: Each player SHALL play in each half of the game.(Exceptions are defined in ECSA Challenge Policy III Participation.)
- E. A team must have four (4) players to start or continue a match.

Law VII: Duration of the Game

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes.
- B. There shall be a ten (10) minute break at halftime.
- C. Teams will exchange ends of the field at the halftime break.

LAW XI: OFFSIDE

- A. **No Offside for this age group.**