

# GCFYSL RULES OF PLAY

## Modified Playing Rules for U8 through u12

### Part I - The Field (Recommended Sizes)

1. Dimensions:
  - U8 thru U10 - 60 yards x 45 yards
  - U11 & U12 - 80 yards x 55 yards
2. Markings: Lines not more than five inches wide
3. Halfway line marked across field
4. Center circle with **eight-yard** radius
5. Corner arcs of two-foot radius
6. Goal area should be proportional to full size field goal area dimensions
7. **Build out lines, for U8 through U10, should be approximately 6 yards from the top of the penalty area. This line can be physically painted on the field (alternate color recommended) or simply marked by a set of cones on each side of the field.**
8. Goals:
  - U8 thru U10 – 6 feet high by 18 feet wide (6 ft. x 6 yds)
  - U11 & U12 – 7 feet high by 21 feet wide (7 ft. x 7 yds)

### Part II- The Ball

U8 thru U12: Size 4

### Part III - Number of Players

1. U8 thru U10:  
Maximum of six (6) players on the field at any one time, one of whom may be the goalkeeper. Maximum number on roster should not exceed twelve (12).
2. U11 & U12:  
Maximum of eight (8) players on the field at any one time, one of whom may be the goalkeeper. Maximum number on roster should not exceed fourteen (14).

### Part IV – Game Play

1. **Substitution:**  
There will be unlimited substitutions at any stoppage of play. All substitutions are at the referee's discretion. All substitutes are to be at the midfield line before the stoppage of play. No subbing from the bench is allowed.
2. **Playing time:**  
Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of total playing time (GCF mandated rule), **as long as the player attends 75% of practices during the season. The coach will be the main person to keep track of this.**

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3. **Mercy Rule** - When an 8 goal differential has been met the game will be concluded. The game must go to halftime. If an 8 goal differential has been met any time after halftime then the game is concluded at that point.
4. **Build Out Line** – There will be no punts made by the goalkeeper in age groups U8 through U10. Goalkeepers will only be able to throw the ball, or place it on the ground and kick it. Defenders must get, or stay, behind the build out line until the goalkeeper releases the ball. This is intended for “fair play” and to promote playing out of the back. If the keeper forgets and punts the ball, then the referee is to stop play and restart with a direct free kick from the keeper, placing the ball at the spot on the ground where the keeper punted it originally and with the defenders behind the build out line. This rule will be treated like a free kick. The defenders must get behind the build out line. However, like a free kick, the goalkeeper has the option of waiting for the defenders to get back or the keeper doesn’t have to wait, they can throw the ball out at any time if they so choose. There is no consequence to any player if the ball is lost after it is played in.

### Part V - Players Equipment

1. Footwear to be soft-cleated soccer shoes. **No metal cleats.**
2. Shinguards are mandatory and must be age appropriate.

### Part VI - Referee

1. Registered referee and *assistant* referee. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.
2. **Each team is to give the referee a FYSA roster and player/coach’s passes.**
3. **The referees are to perform a proper check in to see that all players are properly equipped and that all players are on the FYSA roster, and with a legal player pass. All passes will be held by the referee and given back at the end of the game.**
4. **All passes must be laminated with a current picture.**
5. **Referee pay will be as follows:**

AGE GROUP	CENTER REFEREE	ASSISTANT REFEREE	TOTAL REFEREE FEES per GAME
U8	\$20	\$10	\$40
U8*	\$25	*if no A/Rs	\$25
U9/U10	\$30	\$15	\$60
U9/U10*	\$40	*if no A/Rs	\$40
U11/U12	\$35	\$20	\$75

### Part VII - Duration Of Game

- U8 thru U10      Two (2) – 25 minute halves  
U11 and U12      Two (2) – 30 minute halves

### Part VIII – Free Kicks

1. All opponents must be eight (8) yards back from kick.
2. **When a free kick is taken by the goalkeeper because of a build out line infraction, all defenders must be behind the build out line.**
3. **When a free kick is taken by any player in his own box, the defenders must stay behind the build out line.**

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### **Part XIV – Penalty Kick**

1. U8 thru U10 – Kick from the spot is taken eight (8) yards from goal.
2. U11 thru U12 – Kick from the spot is taken ten (10) yards from goal.

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