

MSA Small-Sided Games Rules Under 10 – 7 v 7

Law 1 The field:

- a. Field Length- 55 yards minimum to 65 yards maximum
- b. Field Width – 35 yards minimum to 45 yards maximum
- c. Goal Size: 6.5-ft high by 18.5-ft wide
- d. Goal Safety Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.
- e. 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) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of four (4) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.
- f. Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, seven (7) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of ten (10) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area.
- g. Halfway Line: A halfway line shall divide the field into two halves with a center mark indicated at the midpoint of the line.
- h. Build out line: The build out line will be marked halfway between the penalty area line and the halfway line and from one touch line to the other across the field of play. The line will be of a different color than the other markings on the field and will be painted as a dotted (or dash) line.
- h. Penalty Mark: Within the penalty area a round penalty mark is made seven (7) yards from the midpoint between the goal posts and equal distant to them.
- i. Penalty Arc: 7-yard radius.
- j. Center Circle: 7-yard radius drawn from the center mark.
- k. Corner Arc: Conform to IFAB.
- l. Flag Posts: Conform to IFAB.

Law 2 Ball Size: Size four (4).

Law 3 Number of players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than seven (7) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper.

- a. Maximum Roster: The minimum number of players should be nine (9) and should not exceed fourteen (14).
- b. Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited for Division II. Division III will substitute on quarters except for injured or cautioned players.
- c. Playing Time: Each Division III player SHALL play a minimum of 50 percent of total playing time.
- d. Coed Teams: Teams and games may be coed, but are considered boys teams.
- e. There will be **no punting/drop kicking** of the ball by the goalkeeper. The ball may be thrown or placed on the ground and kicked back into play, both will be considered indirect and must touch another player before entering opponents goal.

Law 4 Player's Equipment: Conform to IFAB. Non-uniform clothing is allowed in Division III based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. **SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY.**

Law 5 The Referee: Certified referee. All rule infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

Law 6 Assistant Referee: Certified Referee. May use club linesmen/lineswomen if desired, except for State Cup Games, e.g., District Tournaments and State Recreation Tournament. Club linesman shall not call offside violations.

Law 7 Duration of Game: For Division III, the match shall be divided in to four (4) equal, twelve (12) minute quarters. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes. Division II will conform to IFAB with exception of the match being divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each. There will be a halftime interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 Start/Restart of Play: Conform to IFAB with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick being seven (7) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 Ball in & Out of Play: Conform to IFAB.

Law 10 Method of Scoring: Conform to IFAB with the exception of Law 3-E.

Law 11 Offside: Conform to IFAB with the exception that Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line

Law 12 Fouls & Misconduct: Conform to IFAB. Briefly explain ALL rule infringements to the offending player.

Law 13 Free Kicks: Conform to IFAB with the exception that all opponents are at least seven (7) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14 Penalty Kicks: Conform to IFAB with the exception that the penalty mark is at seven (7) yards from the goal line.

Law 15 Throw-in: Conform to IFAB.

Law 16 Goal Kick: Conform to IFAB with the exception that all opponents are outside the build out line.

Law 17 Corner kick: Conform to IFAB with the exception that all opponents are at least seven (7) yards from the ball until it is in play

MSA Small-Sided Rules
Under 12 – 9 v 9

Law 1 The field:

- a. Field Length- 70 yards minimum to 80 yards maximum
- b. Field Width- 45 yards minimum to 55 yards maximum
- c. Goal Size: 6.5 ft high by 18.5-ft wide.
- d. Goal Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy this requirement.
- d. 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, four (4) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of four(4) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.
- e. Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, eight (8) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play a distance of twelve (12) yards and are joined by a line parallel to the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area.
- f. Halfway Line: A halfway line shall divide the field into two halves with a center mark indicated at the midpoint of the center line.
- g. Penalty Mark: Within the penalty area a round penalty mark is made 8 yards from the midpoint between the goal posts and equidistant to them.
- h. Penalty Arc: 8 yd radius drawn from the penalty mark.
- i. Center Circle 8-yd radius drawn from the center mark.
- j. Corner Arc: Conform to IFAB.
- k. Flag Posts: Conform to IFAB.

Law 2 Ball Size: Size four (4).

Law 3 Number of players: A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than nine (9) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper.

- a. Maximum Roster The recommended minimum roster size is eleven (11) and the maximum recommended size is eighteen (18)
- b. Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited for Division I and Division II. Division III will substitute on quarters except for injured or cautioned players.
- c. Playing Time: Division III players SHALL play a minimum of 50 percent of total playing time.

Law 4 Player's Equipment: Conform to IFAB. Non-uniform clothing is allowed in Division III based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. SHINGUARDS ARE MANDATORY.

Law 5 The Referee: Certified referee.

Law 6 Assistant Referee: Certified referee. For Division III may use club linesmen/lineswomen in the absence of registered referees except for State Cup Games, e.g., District Tournaments and State Recreation Tournament and President's Cup. Club linesman shall not call offside violations.

Law 7 Duration of Game: For Division III, the match shall be divided in to four (4) equal, fifteen (15) minute quarters. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Division I and Division II will conform to IFAB with exception of the match being divided into two (2) equal halves of thirty (30) minutes each. There will be a halftime interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8 Start of Play: Conform to IFAB with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick being eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 Ball in & Out of Play: Conform to IFAB.

Law 10 Method of Scoring: Conform to IFAB.

Law 11 Offside: Conform to IFAB

Law 12 Fouls & Misconduct: Conform to IFAB.

Law 13 Free Kicks: Conform to IFAB with the exception that all opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

Law 14 Penalty Kicks: Conform to IFAB with the exception that the penalty mark is at eight (8) yards from the goal line.

Law 15 Throw-in: Conform to IFAB.

Law 16 Goal Kick: Conform to IFAB.

Law 17 Corner kick: Conform to IFAB with the exception that all opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.