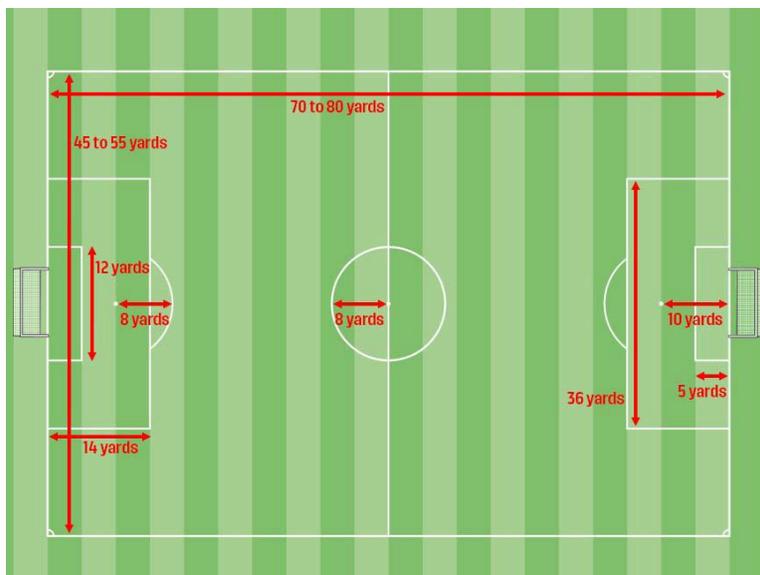




11U and 12U (9v9) Modified Laws/Rules

I. The Field



1. The field of play shall be rectangular, its length not more than 80 yards and its width not more than 55 yards. No one is allowed behind the goal line or goals except in bleachers.
2. Goals: Goals are to be 7 feet tall by 21 feet wide.

II. The Ball

A size four (4) soccer ball should be used for the games in the 11U and 12U age groups. The ball should be properly inflated.

III. Number of Players

1. The number of players on the field is nine (9). Including eight field players and one goalkeeper. The maximum roster size is eighteen (18) but WHSC recommends no more than sixteen (16).
2. The minimum number of players to start or continue a game is six (6). Teams may share players to a team that does not have the minimum for all kids to play and have fun.

IV. Substitutions

1. At any stoppage in play and at the referee's discretion.
2. For an injured player. When the referee has stopped play.
3. If a player "needs it" due physical distress, overheating, etc.

V. Players Equipment

1. A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including brimmed hats or any kind of jewelry.)
3. The home team will wear blue jerseys. The home team is the first team listed on the



schedule. The visiting team wears the silver (grey) jersey. If there is a jersey issue, the referee will decide if a team needs to change jersey.

2. Players should wear shin guards covered by long socks.

4. Soccer cleats are recommended but not required. No shoes with toe cleats – like baseball cleats. No metal cleats.

VI. Referees

A Referee will be provided for these age groups.

VII. Length of Game

Game will consist of four, fifteen (15) minute quarters. Two (2) minute breaks will be given between quarters.

Half-time must be five (5) minutes.

VIII. Rules

1. Beginning the game:

A coin toss between captains of the opposing teams will be conducted by the referee. The team winning the toss shall select end of the field to defend. The team losing the toss shall kickoff first. Following a goal, restart with a kickoff by a player of the team losing the goal. After halftime, the teams change ends and the kickoff is taken by a player of the team opposing that which took the kickoff at the start of the game.

For a violation of this Law, the kick shall be retaken, except in the case of the kicker playing the ball

a. second time before it has been touched or played by another player: for this offense an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a kickoff (directly means no one other than the kicker touches it before it goes into the goal). If the ball is kicked directly into the goal, award a goal kick.

****NOTE: However, if anyone (either team) touches the ball after the kickoff, but before it goes into the goal, then the goal is good. (This includes the opposing goalkeeper.)**

2. Ball in and out of Play

a. The ball is out of play: when it has entirely crossed the goal line or touch line, either on the ground or.

b. in the air when the game has been stopped by the referee

c. All balls out of play over the touch line will be restarted with a throw-in, awarded to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball.

3. Free Kicks

a. Direct and Indirect Free Kicks are awarded in 11U/12U.

b. An Indirect Free Kick is a kick free from interference by the opposing team and from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball is touched or played by a second player before passing through the goal. An Indirect Free Kick is awarded for the following technical fouls – goalkeeper handles the ball after it has been deliberately passed by a teammate or



directly from a throw-in by a teammate. Also, a player who – plays in a dangerous manner, impedes the progress of an opponent or the goalkeeper from putting a ball back into play OR commits any other offense, not mentioned for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player.

- c. All opposing players must retire eight (8) yards from the ball (in all directions).
- d. The kicker may not play the ball a second time until another player has touched or played the ball.
- e. A direct free kick does not need to be touched by another player before it enters the goal. A direct free kick is awarded due to the following penal fouls against an opponent: kicking, tripping, jumping at charging, striking, pushing, tackling (contacting opponent first), holding, spitting or intentionally handling the ball. The action must be considered to be careless, reckless or using excessive force. f. A foul committed in a team's own penalty area will result in a Penalty kick 12 yards from the goal line. All players except the defending goalie and kicker shall be eight (8) yards from the penalty mark.

4. Goal Kick

When the ball has completely crossed the goal line, except through the goal, either on the ground or in the air, and was last played or touched by a player of the attacking team, it shall be kicked into play from any point inside the goal area (including the goal area lines) by the defending team.

All opposing players must be outside the penalty area.

The ball does not have to leave the penalty box.

The goalkeeper cannot pick up the ball directly from a goal kick.

The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player. The punishment for this, except in cases where (c.) applies, will be an indirect free kick awarded to the other team at the point the ball was played a second time.

5. Corner Kick

a. When the ball has completely crossed the goal line, except through the goal, either on the ground or in the air, and was last played or touched by a player of the defending team, it shall be kicked into play from the corner arc on the side of the goal on which it went across the goal line by the attacking team.

b. All opposing players must be at least eight (8) yards from the ball.

c. The ball must travel its own circumference before it is considered in play. If it does not, retake the kick.

d. The kicker cannot play the ball a second time until it has been touched or played by another player. The punishment for this will be an Indirect Free Kick awarded to the other team at the point the ball was played the second time.

e. A goal can be scored directly from a corner kick.

6. Offside

a. The offside law will be applied for 11U and 12U. A player is in an offside position if he is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and second last opponent. For any offside offense, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team at the side of the infringement.



7. End of Play

- a. The referee will blow his whistle several times to indicate that play is suspended for half-time breaks and the end of the game.
- b. At the end of game, the players from each team should line up and shake hands.

8. Modifications

- a. Coaches should encourage their players to become engaged in the game. They should not stand and keep players on top of the Goal and/or Penalty Areas as we want all our players to develop and have fun learning the great game of soccer.
- b. A team that is down by 5 goals may add an additional player (if available) to the game but must go back to the correct number if the goal differential goes back to 4. This is to create the best possible environment for all our players to develop!

IX. Parental Responsibilities

1. Parents should respect the commitment made by their coach and try to make all practices and games. Please be on time.
3. Teams and parents should not enter a field if another game is in progress.
4. No one should cross a field in use during a game.
5. Parents should help their children pick up all trash and dispose of it properly as well as reminding them to pick up their belongings after games and practices.
6. Parents **MUST** be on the opposite side of the field from the Coaches/Team Area!