

Playing Rules: Under 11-12 (9 v 9)

1. **The Field** – 9v9
2. **The Ball** – Size 4.
3. **The Players** – 9 on a side, one of which must be a goalkeeper. A game may not start if either team has fewer than 5 players.
4. **Coaches & Fans** – See General Rules section.
5. **Players Equipment** – See General Rules section.
6. **Referee** – See General Rules section.
7. **Assistant Referees** – Assistant referees are required,. In case there are not ARs assigned, the center referee may, at his/her discretion, designate “club” linesmen who will assist the referee by indicating when the ball goes out of play.
8. **Duration of the Game**
 - a) The game shall consist of two 30 minute halves.
 - b) The half-time break should not exceed **10** minutes.
 - e) Time shall not be stopped except for serious injury.
9. **Substitutions** – See General Rules section.
10. **Start of Play – Kick-off** - See General Rules section.
11. **Method of Scoring** – See General Rules section.

An official score is kept. A goal is worth 1 point. The team getting the most goals shall be declared the winner.
12. **Ball In and Out of Play** – See General Rules section.
13. **Throw-in** – See General Rules section.
14. **Fouls and Misconduct** - (See “The TEN Major Fouls” section.)
 - a) **Sliding tackles** are permitted, but if not properly executed, they will be penalized as dangerous play and the opposing team awarded an Indirect Free Kick. Slide tackles performed in a reckless manner or that endangers the safety of the player may be considered a misconduct and penalized as a cautionable (yellow) or send-off (red) offense respectively.
 - b) Heading is Not permitted, and is penalized as dangerous play.
 - c) Referee should EXPLAIN the infractions to the player(s).
15. **Free Kick Play** – See General Rules section.

As a penalty for the commission of a foul **Direct and Indirect** free kicks are awarded. (See “The TEN Major Fouls” section.)
16. **Penalty Kick** – – See General Rules section.

The penalty mark inside the penalty area is **8 yards** from the goal line.
17. **Goal Kick** – See General Rules section.
18. **Corner Kick** – See General Rules section.
19. **Common Requirements for KICK-OFFS, CORNER KICKS, GOAL KICKS and FREE KICKS** – See General Rules section.
 - a) Opponents may not be within **8 yards** of the ball until it is put in play.
20. **Drop ball** – See General Rules section.
- 21- **Offside** – See General Rules section.

The offside law is enforced. The referee shall penalize all players in an offside position involved in active play.