

RCYSL U12 League Play Rule Modifications

The following are the specific rule modifications utilized for RCYSL U12 League play. These rules are utilized in addition to the general RCYSL rules for all ages

Law 1: The Field of Play

Dimensions 75 yd x 50 yd (min-max = 70-80yd x 45-55yd) **Penalty Box:** 14 yd x 36 yd
Goal Box: 10 yd x 16 yd / **Penalty Spot:** 10yd / 8yd circle **Center Circle:** 8 yd radius
Goal Size: 7' x 21' **Ball Size:** 4

Law 3: The Players

Matches will be played nine (9) players per side, including a goalkeeper. Games may not start or continue if there are less than 6 players on the field for either side.

Law 5: The Referee

It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure the referee is treated with respect by all coaches, players and spectators before, during, and after any match. Failure to curb referee abuse can result in sanctions or dismissal from the match.

Law 7: The Duration of the Match

U12 Matches will be 60 minutes long, divided into two 30-minute halves. There will be a 10-minute break at the half.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct

Handball: Not every touch of a player's hand/arm with the ball is an offence. It is an offence if the player:
(1) Deliberately touches the ball with their hand/arm, for example moving the hand/arm towards the ball.
(2) Touches the ball with their hand/arm when it has made their body unnaturally bigger. (3) Scores in the opponents' goal.

The goalkeeper has the same restrictions on handling the ball as any other player outside the penalty area. If the goalkeeper handles the ball inside their penalty area when not permitted to do so (such as after the ball has been deliberately kicked to them by a teammate), an indirect free kick is awarded.

Law 13: Free Kicks

All opposing players must be at least 8yds from the spot of an indirect or direct free kick.