

## MODIFIED RULES FOR 8V8 PLAY FOR GDSC and NVYSL

The following rules supplement the FIFA laws of the game.

### PLAYING FIELD

The field dimensions shall be approximately 55 by 70 yards.

### MARKINGS

- Penalty line is 14 yards outside the goal post and 14 yards from the goal line
- Penalty mark is 12 yards from the goal line
- Penalty arc is at least 8 yards from the penalty mark

### NUMBER OF PLAYERS

A team will consist of 8 players (including the goalkeeper) and a minimum of 6 players. The maximum roster size will be 15 players. The League recommended roster size is no more than 13 players.

### THE BALL

For U12, ball is size 4

### DURATION OF PLAY

U12: There will be two 30 minute halves with a 5-10 minute half time

### OFFSIDE LAW

The offside law applies. Regular FIFA rules should be applied for Offside calls

### 8 YARD RULE

Opposing players shall be at least 8 yards from the ball on the kickoff, corner kicks, direct kicks, and indirect free kicks, rather than 10 yards as normally required for 11v11 play. On goal kicks opposing players are only required to be outside the penalty area.

### GOALKEEPER SAVE

After a goalkeeper takes possession, the ball must next touch a player or the field **prior to entering the penalty area** of the opposing team or there is loss of the ball. Play restarts with an indirect free kick at the halfway line.

This rule applies to throws, punts, and drop kicks.

### GOAL KICK

On a goal kick, the ball must next touch a player or the field in the defensive half of the field or there is a loss of the ball. Play restarts with an indirect free kick at the halfway line.

### SUBSTITUTIONS

Same as NVYSL bylaws. Subs may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:

- a.) prior to a throw-in in your favor. *If a team is making a substitution on its own throw in, then the other team may also make substitutions;*
- b.) prior to a goal kick by either team;
- c.) after a goal by either team;
- d.) after an injury by either team, when the referee stops play;
- e.) at half time