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## Attachment 06

### **Modified Laws of the Game St. Mary's Soccer U11, U12 Playing Recommendations for 9v9**

#### **Law 1 – The Field of Play (Figure 1)**

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Length: minimum 70 yards (210 ft) maximum 80 yards (240 ft)

Width: minimum 45 yards (135 ft) maximum 55 yards (165 ft)

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of eight (8) yards is marked around it.

The 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 five (5) yards (15 ft) from the inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of five (5) yards (15 ft) and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area and is five (5) yards by sixteen (16) yards in total.

The 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, fifteen (15) yards (45 ft) from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of fourteen (14) yards (42 ft) and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area and is 14 yards by 36 yards total. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made ten (10) yards (30 ft) from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of eight (8) yards (24 ft) from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.

Flag Posts: Conform to FIFA.

The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corner flag posts and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The maximum distance between the posts is eighteen and one half (18.5) feet and the maximum distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six and one half (6.5) feet.

**Law 2 – The Ball:** Size four (4).

**Law 3 – The Number of Players:** A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than nine players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than six players, one of whom must be the goalkeeper.

Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions are allowed at any stoppage with the permission of the referee.

Playing time: Each player should play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

**Law 4 – The Players Equipment:** Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.



**Law 5 – The Referee:** Registered referee.

**Law 6 – The Assistant Referee:** Use U.S.S.F. registered referees or club assistant referee.

**Law 7 – The Duration of the Match:** Conform to FIFA with the exception of the match being divided into two (2) halves of thirty (30) minutes each. There shall be a half-time interval of ten (10) minutes.

**Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least eight (8) yards (24 ft) from the ball until it is in play.

**Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 10 – The Method of Scoring:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 11 – Offside:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions.

Slide Tackling: No slide-tackling is allowed. If a player slide tackles, a direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the spot of the offense.

Heading: No heading is allowed. If the ball hits a player's head, play is stopped so that the player can be checked. The restart depends on if the heading was deliberate or not. If the heading was deliberate, then an indirect free kick is given to the opposing team at the location of the heading (subject to the restrictions on the location of indirect free kicks inside the Goal Area described in Law 8). If the heading was not deliberate, the restart is a drop ball.

**Law 13 – Free Kicks:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.

**Law 14 – The Penalty Kick:** Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that the penalty mark is at ten yards and players other than the kicker and defending goalkeeper are at least eight (8) yards from the penalty mark.

**Law 15 – The Throw-In:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 16 – The Goal Kick:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 17 – The Corner Kick:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least eight (8) yards (24 ft) away from the ball until it is in play.

Link to FIFA Laws of the Game:

<https://www.fifa.com/development/education-and-technical/referees/laws-of-the-game.html>

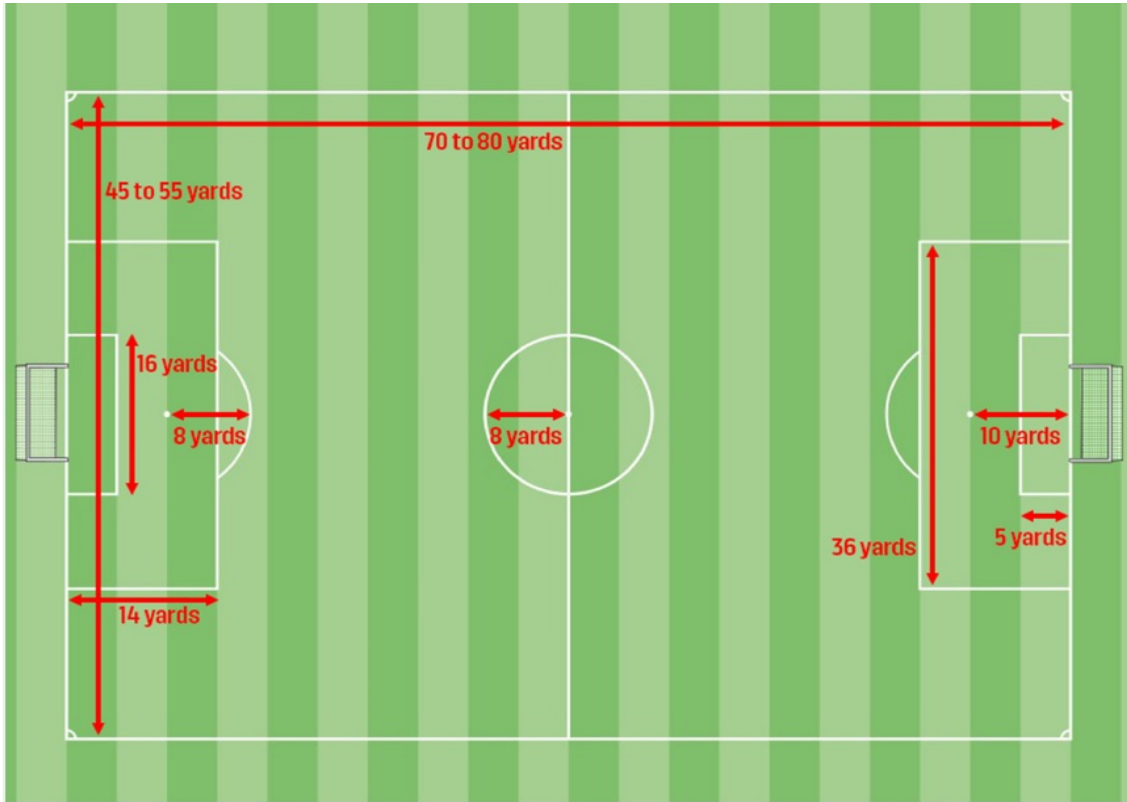


Figure 1.