

AYSO FIFA Rule Modifications for Region 9 Soccer

Region 9 generally follows FIFA Soccer rules, with some exceptions due to player ages. Here are the law exceptions and other guidelines that we follow:

("Normal" means FIFA laws and guidelines)

Region 9 Modifications for 2008 (U6, U7, U8, Divisions) Rev 07-01-08

Division	U6	U7	U8
Number of Players on Team	7*	8*	9*
Field Players including GK	5 v 5*	6 v 6*	7 v 7*
Goal Keeper*	No Keeper All Season	No Keeper All Season	Any player max 1/4 game
MINIMUM playing time	¾ of each game	¾ of each game	¾ of each game
Goal Size	4 feet by 6 feet	6 feet by 6 yd	6 feet by 6 yd
Game Length	2 10 minute periods, (1) 5 minute break	2 20 min halves, (1) 5 minute break	2 20 min halves, (1) 5 minute break
Ball Size	3	3	3
Practices	30 min prior to game**	(1) practice of 1 hour weekly	(1) practice of 1 hour weekly
Field Markings	Half line 5 yd radius center circle 5 yd by 10 yd goal area No penalty area 1 yd corner arc No penalty arc No penalty spot	Half line 6 yd radius center circle 3 yd by 12 yd goal area 9 yd by 24 yd penalty area 1 yd corner arc No penalty arc No penalty spot	Half line 6 yd radius center circle 3 yd by 12 yd goal area 9 yd by 24 yd penalty area 1 yd corner arc No penalty arc No penalty spot
Start of Play	Coaches pick team to kickoff, other team in 2H. Opponents 5 yd away	No change from normal except 6 yd away	No change from normal except 6 yd away
Referees, Fouls	No referees – Coaches referee and explain all infractions	Each team provides (1) U8 trained referee. Referee explains all infractions. No cards shown.	Each team provides (1) U8 trained referee. Referee explains all infractions. No cards shown.
Ball In & Out of Play	No change from normal	No change from normal	No change from normal
Method of Scoring/Standings	No Score kept, No standings kept.	No Score kept, No standings kept.	No Score kept, No standings kept.
Off side	No offside called	No offside called. Referees advise of attempted advantage	No offside called. Referees advise of attempted advantage
Free Kicks	All are Direct, opponents 5 yd away.	All are Direct, opponents 6 yd away.	All are Direct, opponents 6 yd away.
Penalty Kicks	No penalty kicks	No penalty kicks	No penalty kicks
Throw In*	If bad first, ref explain, and re-do. If bad second, ball to other team		
Goal Kick	Taken from goal line, opponents 5 yd away	Taken from inside goal area, opponents 6 yd away	Taken from inside goal area, opponents 6 yd away
Corner Kick*	No change from normal except opponents 5 yd away	No change from normal except opponents 6 yd away	No change from normal except opponents 6 yd away
Post Game	Players, Coaches, Parents exchange handshakes	Players, Coaches, exchange handshakes – Thank referees	Players, Coaches, exchange handshakes – Thank referees

*Variance from AYSO Guidelines (Nat. is 7v7 of 10 for U10, 5v5 of 7-U7/U8 (no GK), 3v3 of 5-U6 (no GK))

** U6 teams may practice once during the week at the Creek on any unused field

Region 9 Modifications for 2008 (U10, U12, U14, Divisions) Rev. 07-01-2008

Division	U10	U12	U14
Number of Team Players	10	12	14
Number of Field Players	8v8*	9v9	11 v 11
Goal Keeper	Yes	Yes	Yes
MINIMUM playing time	¾ of each game	¾ of each game	½ of each game
Goal Size	7 ft by 7 yd	8 ft by 8 yd	8 ft by 8 yd
Game Length	2-25 minute halves, (1) 5 minute break	2-30 minute halves , (1) 5 minute break	2-35 minute halves, (1) 5 minute break
Ball Size	4	4	5
Practices	(2) practices of 1 hour weekly	(2) practices of 1 hour weekly	(2) practices of 1 hour weekly
Field Markings	Half line 8 yd radius center circle 6 yd by 15 yd goal area 14 yd by 36 yd penalty area* 1 yd corner arc 8 yd penalty arc 10 yd penalty spot	Half line 10 yd radius center circle 6 yd by 20 yd goal area 18 yd by 42 yd penalty area 1 yd corner arc 10 yd penalty arc 10 yd penalty spot	Half line 10 yd radius center circle 6 yd by 20 yd goal area 18 yd by 42 yd penalty area 1 yd corner arc 10 yd penalty arc 12 yd penalty spot
Start of Play	No change from normal except 8 yd away	No change from normal	No change from normal
Ball In & Out of Play	No change from normal	No change from normal	No change from normal
Method of Scoring/Standings	Scores recorded on game cards and standings kept by region	Scores recorded on game cards and standings kept by region	Scores recorded on game cards and standings kept by region
Off side	No change from normal	No change from normal	No change from normal
Referees, Fouls	Registered Adult or Youth Referee and ARs. Parent as Club AR is OK. No cards to be shown.	Registered Adult or Youth Referee and ARs. Parent as Club AR is OK.	Registered Adult Referee and ARs. Parent as Club AR is OK.
Free Kicks	No change from normal except opponents must retreat 8 yds. from ball.	No change from normal. Players must move 10 yds away without being asked	No change from normal. Players must move 10 yds away without being asked
Penalty Kicks	No change from normal	No change from normal	No change from normal
Throw In	No change from normal	No change from normal	No change from normal
Goal Kick	No change from normal	No change from normal	No change from normal
Corner Kick	No change from normal except opponents 8 yd away	No change from normal	No change from normal
Post Game	Players, Coaches, exchange handshakes – Thank referees	Players, Coaches, exchange handshakes – Thank referees	Players, Coaches, exchange handshakes – Thank referees

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