

TCYS Recreation League Modified Game Laws 2025

Description	U5	U6	U8	U10	U12	U14	U16
Maximum Field Size (yards)	30x20	30x20	30x20	47x30	75x47	112x75	112x75
Number of Players	4	4	5	7	9	11	11
Goalkeeper	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goalkeeper Punting	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Playing Time (minutes)	4@8	4@8	3@15	2@25	2@30	2@35	2@40
Break Time (minutes)	5	5	5	10	10	10	10
Substitutions	On goal, goal kicks, halftime, cautions, injury, and any throw-in						
Ball Size	3	3	3	4	4	5	5
Goal Size (feet)	4x6	4x6	6X8	6.5x18.5	6.5x18.5	8x24	8x24
Offside	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
# of Officials	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
Start of Play	Opponents 6 yards back			Opponents 10 yards back			
Fouls	IFAB Laws of the Game will apply						
Free Kicks	Indirect only			Indirect and Direct			
Penalty Kicks	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Throw Ins	Allow one re-throw				No re-throws		
Heading	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

General Rules

- Coaches and substitutes must remain in the technical area – 10 yards from center line. Maintain 1 yard setback from the touchline.
- On all restarts the ball must have lateral motion in any direction to be considered a legal touch.
- If referee stops the game with a whistle for an injured player, that player must be substituted.

Rule Changes

- Goal Kick does not need to leave the penalty area.
- Attacking players are not permitted to be w/in 1 yd. of a wall of three or more players.
- Handballs are called when a hand and arm is in an unnatural position. (Referee Discretion)

Game Etiquette

- Last game of the day** – Field coaches are to coordinate to store goals after the game.
- Parent Behavior** – Coaches are responsible for their team's parent and spectator behavior.
- High Game Scores** – Winning team are not to advance the score beyond 8 goals. If team scores beyond the 8-goal differential, then that team will forfeit, and game will end.