



U12 Soccer Rules

- 4v4 with no keeper
- teams of 6 – 8
- Ball size: 4
- Field: 120' long x 75' wide

Substitutions:

Allowed between quarters and halftime.

Goal Box:

Modified Goal box of 3-yard arc from the center of the goal line. There is no ball contact allowed within the modified goal box, however, the player may pass through the goal box. If the ball comes to rest in the goal box, a goal kick is awarded regardless of who touched the ball last. Any part of the ball or player's body on the line is considered in the goal box and is an extension of such. If a defender touches the ball in the goal box, a goal is awarded to the offensive team. If an offensive player touches the ball within the goal box a goal kick is awarded to the defensive team. The ball is placed on the goal line in front of the goal.

Duration:

4 -12-minute quarters, with a 3-minute half time.

Goal scoring:

A goal may only be scored from a touch (offense or defense) within a team's offensive half of the field. Ball must be completely on the offense half of the field and cannot be touching the midline.

The offside rule is NOT in effect.

No Slide Tackling.

Five Yard Rule:

In all dead ball situations, including kickoffs, defending players must stand at least five yards away from the ball. If the defensive player's goal area is closer than five yards, the ball shall be placed five yards from the goal area in line with the place of the penalty.

Kick-Ins and Corner Kicks:

All dead ball kicks (kick-ins, free kicks, kick-offs) are indirect with the exception of corner kicks and penalty kicks. Corner Kicks will be taken from the corner.

Penalty Kicks:

Shall be awarded if, in the referee's opinion, a scoring opportunity was nullified by an infraction (the infraction does not automatically result in a red card). It is a direct kick taken from the center of the midfield line with all players behind the mid-field line and the player taking the kick. This is a "deadball" kick. If a goal is not scored, the defense obtains possession with a goal kick.

Hand Ball Clarification:

Deliberate handling of the ball that denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity will result in the following:

- a penalty kick will be awarded &
- The player committing the foul will be sent off and shown a red card.

Cautioned Players (yellow card) & Player Ejections (red card):

Players that receive 2 yellow cards in one game will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the game.

(No Exceptions).

Referees have the right to eject a player from a game for continual disobedience or as a result of an incident that warrants sending off.

If a player receiving a red card is on the field of play, the player will be sent off for the remainder of the game (no exceptions) and the team must play the remainder of the half a player short.

Players receiving a red card must leave the immediate playing area, including the fan and team areas.

Red card suspensions will NOT carry on to the next game.