



CLUB U-9 & U-10 (7 VS 7) DEVELOPMENTAL SOCCER

2022-23 INDOOR COMPETITION RULES

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EIYSA's U9 & U10 Developmental Soccer are governed by FIFA/IFAB Laws of the Game with the following modifications and competition rules for the indoor game. Note that no points will be awarded for U-9 & U-10 Developmental games. For administrative rules please see the EIYSA website (Rules & Regulations).

The Field of Play

The field size is determined by facility used and marked accordingly.

The Ball

The game ball shall be size 4.

The Players

A match is played by two teams, each with a maximum of seven (7) players; one must be the goalkeeper. A match may not start or continue if either team has fewer than 5 players.

There is a Maximum of 20 players/4 Team Officials allowed to dress and be in attendance for games.

Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed. Substitutes can be on the fly, at stoppages or at half time (if applicable) in the game.

No players may be added or alterations made to the game sheet after the commencement of the second half.

The Referee

EIYSA will assign two ASA registered Referee for each scheduled game.

The Duration of the Match

A match lasts for two equal halves of 25 minutes each. There is no allowance for time lost. Teams must have the minimum number of players by ten (10) minutes after the scheduled game time.

A match shall be declared valid if, in the referee's estimation, at least 2/3 of the match has lapsed.

The Ball in and out of Play

The ball is out of play when it touches the ceiling. Restart: Throw-in to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball, at the touchline closest to where the ball touched the ceiling.

Offside

There is no offside offence.

Fouls and Misconduct

All restarts are indirect free kicks (see Free Kicks).

If the defending team commits an offense inside their goal area, the indirect free kick is taken on the goal area line closest to where the offence occurs.

There is no provision to caution or send off players in U-9 & U-10 Developmental Program except for spitting or striking an opponent where the player is removed for the balance of the game. (Team is not reduced in numbers on the field) No further discipline is applied.

Free Kicks

All free kicks are indirect.

A goal may not be scored directly from a free kick.

Until the ball is in play all opponents must remain at least 5 yards from the ball unless they are on their own goal line between the goalposts.

Penalty Kick

There are no penalty kicks in U-9 & U-10 Developmental games.

The Throw-in

Referees are asked to not be overly strict on throw-ins at this age group. As long as the throw is basically correct, play should continue.

The Goal Kick

At the taking of a goal kick, all players from the opposing team will retreat back behind the existing offside line (marked by painted line or cones) at the 1/2 mark of the field, which will also be known as the retreat line. Players from the opposing team may not pass the retreat line until the ball has been touched by the player receiving the goal kick. If the goal kick is kicked past the retreat line, the ball is deemed in play as soon as it crosses the retreat line. If an opposing player passes the retreat line before the ball is deemed in play, then the goal kick will be retaken.

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