

U9 Laws of the Game



Taber & District Soccer Association – Laws of the Game

The league plays according to the [IFAB Laws of the Game](#) and the modified laws of the games as found in:

- [2023 Alberta 7v7 Outdoor Rules and Mini Referee Guide](#).

Hereafter the following abbreviations will be used:

Taber & District Soccer Association – TDSA.

Alberta Soccer Association – ASA.

2023 Alberta 7v7 Outdoor Rules and Mini Referee Guide – ASA 7v7 Rules.

Playing time

Each player must be given opportunity for equal play time and should play at least 50% of the game. Players should be encouraged to explore all positions.

Please find below a summary of the modifications used in TDSA's house league. If it is not included in the modifications list below, please refer to the ASA 7v7 Rules.

- **Rule 1 – Field Markings & Equipment**
 - Games are played on Mini fields.
 - Goals are approximately 5 metres wide by 2 metres high.
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 2 – The Ball**
 - Ball size (#4).
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 3 – The Number of Players**
 - If a team shows up with 5 or less players, coaches are encouraged to come up with a solution in order to allow the children to still participate in a modified game (Eg. Give some players to the short team, play 5 vs. 5, etc.) The goal is to get children playing.
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 4 – The Players' Equipment**
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 5 – The Referee**
 - Most of the referees at this age level are new and developing their skills. They are never to be yelled at or questioned negatively. They may be approached at half time or at the end of the game in a respectful, calm, upbuilding manner. Their say is final. Please remember that they are young and likely have much to learn yet and that one day it could be your own child in their shoes. If you have concerns, please don't hesitate to let the age category director know.
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 6 – Assistant Referees**
 - There are no assistant referees in 7 v 7.

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- **Rule 7—Duration of Game**
 - 20 minutes of practice time followed by a game which consists of 2 equal halves of 20 minutes, halftime break of 5 minutes. Practice time is extremely important for the development of skill and knowledge and should not be eliminated except under unusual circumstances.
- **Rule 8 —The Start and Restart of Play**
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 9—Ball In and Out of Play**
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 10—The Method of Scoring**
 - Goals cannot be scored from inside of the Goal Area.
 - 3 Goal Rule: Each player may only score 3 goals (only in effect if the team is winning).
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 11—Offside**
 - There is no offside in 7 v 7.
- **Rule 12—Fouls and Misconduct**
 - Slide-Tackling is not allowed. Restart with an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 13—Free Kick**
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 14—Penalty Kick**
 - There are no penalty kicks in 7 v 7 with the exception of tournaments when a result needs to be decided.
- **Rule 15—Throw In**
 - Allow one rethrow after explaining what the player did wrong. Play continues after the 2nd throw.
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 16—Goal Kick**
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.
- **Rule 17—Corner Kick**
 - Please refer to ASA 7v7 Rules for additional information.

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