

**Carroll County Parks and Recreation Department**  
**6v6 Under 10, Laws of the Game**  
**2007 spring soccer**  
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**Law 1.) The Field of Play**

Dimensions: The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Length: minimum 45 yards    maximum 60 yards

Width: minimum 35 yards    maximum 45 yards

**Law 2.) The Ball – Size 4**

**Law 3.) The Number of Players** – A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than 6 players, 1 of whom is the goalkeeper.

Substitutions: At any stoppage and unlimited. Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time. Teams and matches may be coed.

**Law 4.) The player's equipment** – A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself/herself or another player, including any kind of jewelry. The basic compulsory equipment of a player is:

- A jersey
- Shorts
- Stockings
- Footwear
- Shinguards must be covered entirely by the stocking

**Law 5.) The Referee**- registered referee, especially Grade 9 or parent/coach or assistant coach. All rule infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

**Law 6.) The assistant referees** – not required. May use club linesmen.

**Law 7.) The duration of the Match** – The match lasts two equal periods of 25 minutes. There shall be a half-time interval of 5 minutes.

**Law 8.) The Start and Restart of Play** – A coin is tossed and the team that wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of the match. The other team takes the kick off to start the match. The team that wins the toss takes the kick-off to start the second half of the match. In the second half of the match, the teams change ends and attack the opposite goal. A goal may be scored directly from the kick off. After a team scores a goal, the other team takes the kick-off. A kick-off is a way of starting or restarting play.

**Law 9.) The Ball in and out of play** – The ball is out of play when:

- It has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air.
- It rebounds from either the referee or an assistant referee when they are on the field of play.

**Law 10.) The Method of Scoring** – A goal is scored when the whole ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the laws of the game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

**Law 11.) Offside** – none

**Law 12.) Fouls and Misconduct** – A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six offenses in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent

A direct free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following four offences:

- Holds an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately
- Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball.

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his/her own penalty area, commits any of the following four offences:

- Takes more than six seconds while controlling the ball with his/her hands before releasing it from his/her possession.
- Touches the ball again with his/her hands after it has been released from his/her possession and has not been touched by another player.
- Touches the ball with his/her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a teammate.
- Touches the ball with his/her hands after he/she has received it directly from a throw in taken by a teammate.

An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player, in the opinion of the referee:

- Plays in a dangerous manner
- Impedes the progress of an opponent

- Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands
- \*\*The indirect free kick is taken from where the offence occurred.

**Law 13.) Free kicks** - All free kicks are direct and opponents are at least 8 yards from the ball until it is in play. The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player. If the free kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal a goal is awarded. If a free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.

**Law 14.) The Penalty Kick** – A penalty kick is awarded against a team that commits one of these offences:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Holds an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately
- Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball

**Law 15.) The throw in** – A throw in is a method of restarting play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in. A throw in is awarded:

- When the whole ball passes over the touch line, either on the ground or in the air
- From the point where it crossed the touch line
- To the opponents of the player who last touched the ball.

**Law 16.) The Goal Kick** – A goal kick is a method of restarting play. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team. A goal kick is awarded when:

-The whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the attacking team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored.

**Law 17.) The Corner kick** – A corner kick is a method of restarting play. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team. A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the defending team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air.

Procedure:

- The ball is placed inside the corner arc at the nearest corner flagpost
- The corner flagpost is not moved
- Opponents remain at least 8 yards from the ball until it is in play
- The ball is kicked by a player of the attacking team
- The kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player

