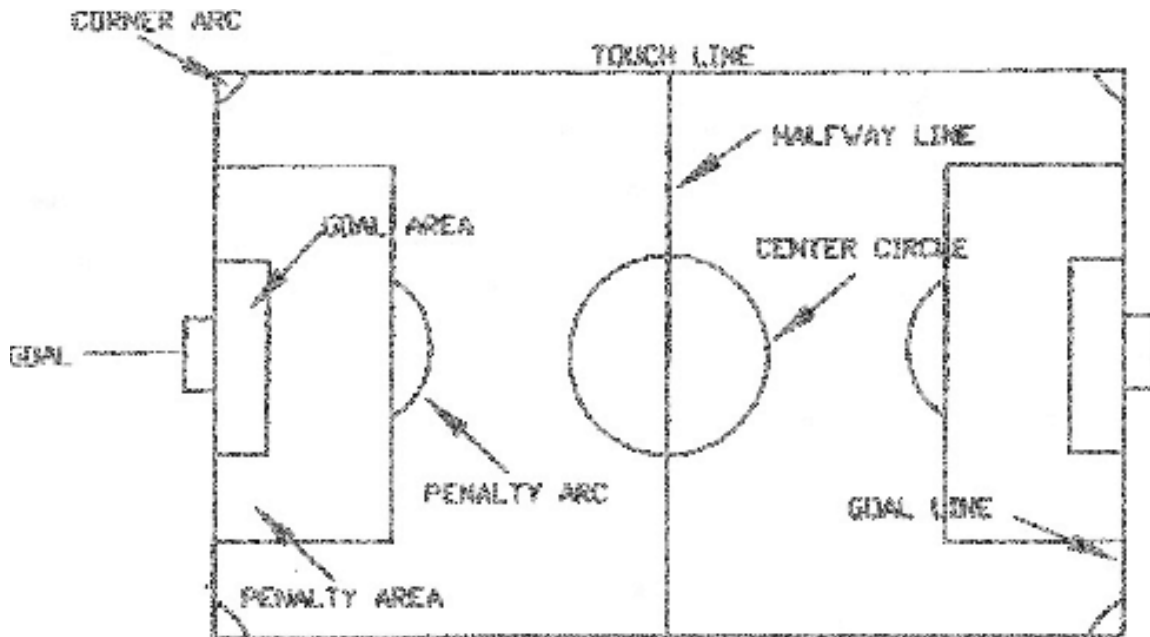


MSA Modified Laws – 5th & 6TH GRADE – 8 V 8 FIELD

LAW 1: The Field



LAW 2: The Ball

A size 4 ball will be used.

LAW 3: The Number of Players

- A. A team will field eight (8) players.
 - B. Substitutions
 1. **Substitutions may occur at any Start of Play from center circle, any Goal-Kick, attacking team's Throw-in. Defensive team may substitute on Throw-in only if attacking team is substituting on the Throw-in.**
 2. Each player shall play at least 50% of the playing time.
 3. If an injury occurs, **the injured player can be substituted.** A dropped ball will restart play.
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LAW 4: Player's Equipment

- A. Footwear will be tennis shoes or soft-cleated shoes. Steel spikes or spikes with a hard spike at the toe are not allowed.
 - B. Shin guards with **socks to cover** guards must be worn by all players.
 - C. Fingernails shall be clipped prior to play.
 - D. The following are not allowed to be worn during the match.
 1. Baseball Caps
 2. Earrings
 3. Necklaces
 4. Rings
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**LAW 5:
The Referee**

Club appointed referee will officiate games.
Any infractions called must be explained to the player. Coaches should be knowledgeable of “laws of the game”. The FIFA website is an excellent source of information.

**LAW 6:
Linesman**

Parents will act as linesman.

**LAW 7:
Duration of the
Match**

The match will be divided into two **30-minute halves** with a five-minute half time.
Ends of the field will be rotated at half time.

**LAW 8:
The Start of
Play**

A kickoff will be used to start play.
A. The kickoff team may be in the center circle and on their half of the field.
B. The defending team cannot be inside the center circle and must be on their half of the field.
C. The first touch must move the ball forward to another player.

**LAW 9:
Ball in and Out
of Play**

Conform to FIFA (Throw – Ins, Goal Kicks, Corner Kicks).
The entire ball must completely cross a line before it is out of play. A ball on the line is still in play.

**LAW 10:
Method of
Scoring**

The entire ball must completely cross the goal line to count as a goal.

**LAW 11:
Offsides**

Offsides will be enforced according to FIFA laws.

**LAW 12:
Fouls and
Misconduct**

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions.
A. The referee (coach) must explain the infraction to the player.
B. Players should be taught to stay on their feet. Kicking the ball while lying on the ground is unsafe play.
C. No cards will be issued. If a player is continually guilty of fouls, the coach will remove the player from the game and explain the infraction before the player is allowed to re-enter play.

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LAW 13: Free Kicks

Conform with FIFA laws

- A. Opponents must remain **8 yards** from the ball when the kick is taken.
 - B. No kicks will be taken within the goal area.
 - C. If an infraction occurs within the goal area, the ball will be placed on the goal area line nearest where the infraction occurred.
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LAW 14: Penalty Kick

.Conform to FIFA laws

LAW 15: Throw-Ins

Throw-ins will be used to restart play when the ball crosses the touchline.

- A. Both feet must be on the ground when throwing the ball in.
 - B. The ball must be thrown directly over a player's head.
 - C. The throw-in must be made directly to another player.
 - D. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.
 - E. If an incorrect throw-in is made, **opposing team shall have Throw-in**
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LAW 16: Goal Kicks

Goal kicks will be taken by the defending team when the attacking team has sent the ball over the goal line.

- A. The ball will be placed anywhere in the goal area.
 - B. The ball must be allowed to leave penalty box before being touched by a different player or the kick is retaken.
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LAW 17: Corner Kicks

A corner kick is awarded to the attacking team when a defending player sends the ball over the goal line.

- A. The ball is placed in the corner of the field nearest where the ball crossed the goal line.
- B. The defending team must remain **8 yards** from the ball when the kick is taken.

For more detailed information please see FIFA's Laws of the Game either on MSA web site or a link to FIFA at MSA web site.

For parents and others who are new and unfamiliar with soccer rules a simplified "soccer rules for parents" can be accessed at Minot Soccer Association's web site