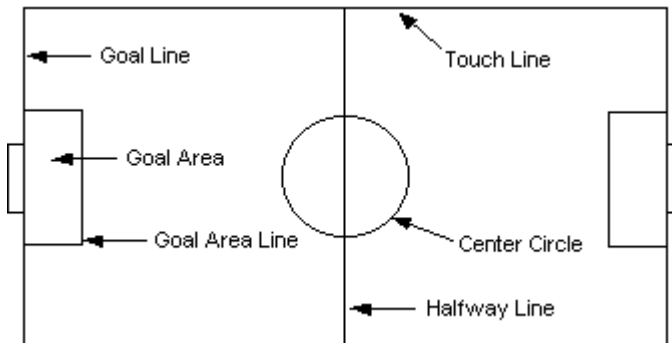


MSA Modified Laws- Kindergarten – 4 v 4 Field

LAW 1: The Field

The field will be marked as shown in the below diagram.



LAW 2: The Ball

A size 3 ball will be used.

LAW 3: The Number of Players

- A. A team will field four players.
 - B. Substitutions
 - 1. Substitutions may occur at any stoppage in play.
 - 2. Each player shall play at least 50% of the playing time.
 - 3. If an injury occurs, a dropped ball will restart play.
 - 4. There are no keepers in this format.
Players are not allowed to stand in the goal area without the ball.
 - 5. Players may only enter the goal area once the ball has moved into the goal area.
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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 must be worn by all players with **socks covering all of guard.**
 - 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

Coaches will officiate the game.
Any infractions called must be explained to the player. The FIFA website is an excellent source of information.

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LAW 6: Parents will act as linesman.
Linesman

LAW 7: The match will be divided into two 20-minute halves with a five-minute half time. Ends of the field will be rotated at half time.
Duration of the Match

LAW 8: A kickoff will be used to start play.
The Start of 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: Conform to FIFA (Throw – Ins, Goal Kicks, Corner Kicks).
Ball in and Out of Play

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: The entire ball must completely cross the goal line to count as a goal.
Method of Scoring

LAW 11: Offsides will not be enforced.
Offsides

LAW 12: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions.
Fouls and Misconduct

- 6. All fouls will result in an indirect kick.
- 7. The referee (coach) must explain the infraction to the player.
- 8. Players should be taught to stay on their feet. Kicking the ball while lying on the ground is unsafe play.
- 9. 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** All free kicks are indirect kicks and must touch another player before a goal is scored.
- A. Opponents must remain 10 feet 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** No penalty kicks will be taken.
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- 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, **explain and re-throw**
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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 travel 10 feet 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 10 feet from the ball when the kick is taken.
 - C. The player taking the goal kick must pass the ball to another player.
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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