

**Attachment 05****Modified Laws of the Game  
St. Mary's Youth Soccer  
U08 Playing Recommendations****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 (135 ft) maximum 60 yards (180 ft)

Width: minimum 30 (90 ft) yards maximum 40 yards (120 ft)

Field Markings: Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of 8 yards (24 ft) is marked around it.

The Goal Area: A goal area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line three (3) yards (9 ft) from the inside each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of five (5) yards (15 ft) and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.

The Penalty Area: A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, seven (7) yards (21 ft) from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of ten (10) yards (30 ft) and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made eight (8) yards (24 ft) from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of eight (8) yards (24 ft) from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.

Flag posts: Conform to FIFA.

The Corner Arc: Conform to FIFA.

Goals: Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. They consist of two upright posts equidistant from the corner flag posts and joined at the top by a horizontal crossbar. The maximum distance between the posts is eighteen (18) feet and the maximum distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is six (6) feet.

**Law 2 – The Ball:** Size three (3).

**Law 3 – The Number of Players:** A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than six players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than five players.

Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions are allowed: after a goal; before a goal kick; before a throw-in (if the team in possession makes a substitution, the other team may substitute as also); after an injury or disciplinary action (in case of an injury, the other team may substitute player(s) in a number equal to those substituted due to injury)

Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.

**Law 4 – The Players' Equipment:** Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams.

**Law 5 – The Referee:** USSF Certified Referees are used.

**Law 6 – The Assistant Referees:** Not Required.

**Law 7 – The Duration of the Match:** Conform to FIFA with the exception of the match being divided into four (4) equal quarters of twelve (12) minutes each. There shall be a halftime interval of five (5) minutes, and a two (2) minute interval between quarters.

**Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play:** Conform to FIFA

**Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 10 – The Method of Scoring:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 11 – Offside:** None.

**Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 13 – Free Kicks:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that all opponents are at least eight (8) yards (24 ft) from the ball.

**Law 14 – The Penalty Kick:** No penalty kicks.

**Law 15 – The Throw-In:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 16 – The Goal Kick:** Conform to FIFA.

**Law 17 – The Corner Kick:** Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least eight (8) yards (24 ft) from the ball until it is in play.