

Section X.X - Laws of the Game Summary

TASL follows the FIFA Laws of the Games for U-13 and Older matches. For Small Sided games, U9 through U-12, TASL has modified the rules in accordance with US Youth Soccer and FIFA requirements and recommendations.

Section X.X - U9 and U10 Modified Rules

1. No heading of any kind is allowed. See Note 1.
2. No Punting or drop kicks allowed. See Note 2.
3. "Build Out Lines" for restarts by the Keeper or Goal Kicks will be in use. See Note 3.
4. Offsides will be called. See Note 4.
5. Single or one man Referee system will be used.

Note 1: Per U.S. Soccer's Concussion Initiative, if a player is suspected to have a head injury the referee is instructed to stop play to allow for treatment/evaluation as needed. If the player leaves the field of play for additional evaluation, a substitution can be made in that moment. The player with the suspected head injury may not return to the game unless a Health Care Professional (HCP) or Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) has cleared the player. Any coach or parent insisting on returning the player to the game without approved clearance will result in the referee ending the game.

Deliberate heading is not allowed in 7v7 games. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred. If the play by the head is deemed inadvertent, then the proper restart is a dropped ball.

Note 2: If a goalkeeper punts/drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the punt/drop kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred

Note 3: Build Out Lines will be located in the area halfway between the center line and the penalty box. The Build out line will be identified by paint, cones or another player safe manner. The build out line promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting. When the goalkeeper has the ball, either during play (from the opponent) or from a goal kick, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play. Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play (punting/drop kicks is not allowed). After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal

Note 4: The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build

out line. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and goal line.

Section X.X – U11 and U12 Modified Rules

1. No heading of any kind is allowed. See Note 1.
2. Offsides will be called in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.
3. A three man Referee system will be used.

Note 1: Per U.S. Soccer's Concussion Initiative and TASL's modified small sided rules to prohibit heading at both U11 AND U12. If a player is suspected to have a head injury, the referee is instructed to stop play to allow for treatment/evaluation as needed. If the player leaves the field of play for additional evaluation, a substitution can be made in that moment. The player with the suspected head injury may not return to the game unless a Health Care Professional (HCP) or Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) has cleared the player. Any coach or parent insisting on returning the player to the game without approved clearance will result in the referee ending the game. Deliberate heading is not allowed in 9v9 games. If a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred. If the play by the head is deemed inadvertent, then the proper restart is a dropped ball.