

N. C. S. A. Soccer Rule Variations

	<u>1st/2nd</u>	<u>3rd/4th</u>	<u>5th/6th</u>	<u>Jr. Hi.</u>	<u>Laws Revised</u>
Ball Size	#3	#4	#4	#5	Law II
Players	6 v 6	8 v 8	11 v 11	11 v 11	Law III
- minimum	5 v 5	7 v 7	8 min. (other team w/ one extra player)		
Cautions	Player must leave field after Yellow Card (may return on next substitution)				Law XII
Duration	4 x 10 min	4 x 10 min	4 x 12 min	2 x 30 min	Law VII
-intervals	1 / 5 min	1 / 5 min	1 / 5 min	- / 5 min	
Direct kick - (incl Penalty)	None	None	FIFA	FIFA	Law XIV
Indirect kick	All	All	FIFA	FIFA	Law XIV
Encroach	5 yards	8 yards	10 yards	10 yards	Law XIII
Keeper	No keeper	FIFA	FIFA	FIFA	Law XI
Referees	1 - Center	2 - Centers	3 - Man	3 - Man	Law V

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Short-Sided Games Addendum to NCSA Soccer Rules

Grades 1 and 2:

1. There are **NO offsides**.
2. There will be **NO GOALKEEPER**.
3. Goal Area: - a 6 yard semi-circle centered directly in front of the goal.
- NO ONE is allowed inside this Goal Area before the ball enters the Area.
- Any encroachment into the Goal Area results in an indirect kick with:
 Defensive kicks taken from the **6 yard Arc**; and
 Offensive kicks taken from a spot **5 yards outside** the Goal Area.
 (closest to the spot of the infraction)
4. Opponents must be a least **5 yards away** from the ball on any Kick-off, Free Kick, Corner Kick, and Goal Kick.
5. **All Fouls result in INDIRECT FREE KICKS; there are NO PENALTY KICKS.**
(Please note that you may still score directly from a kick-off or corner kick)
6. Team Size - The recommended **number of players** to begin the game is **6 v 6**, but the game may start with 5 v 5. If a team has less than 5 players they forfeit the game. (Game may be played for practice only if coaches desire.) Both teams must start the game with the same number of players.
7. All players, in this age group only, will be given a second opportunity for a correct **throw-in** if the first is illegal.
8. Cones may be used to help with field markings.
9. **Time:** Four 10-minute quarters.
10. **One coach** from each team **may be on the field** to help the players.
11. All the rest of the rules conform to FIFA Laws except for field dimensions, field markings and goals.

Grades 3 and 4:

1. **Penalty Area:** 14 yards from each goal post and 14 yards onto the field, joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. **Goal Box** shall be 6 yards from each goal post and 6 yards onto the field. The ball must be placed on the 6-yard line for any foul committed inside **goal box**. (closest to point of infraction) Goal kicks may be taken from anyplace within the goal box.
2. **All fouls result in INDIRECT FREE KICKS; there will be NO PENALTY KICKS.**
(Please note that you may still score directly from a kick-off or corner kick)
3. Opponents must be at least **8 yards away** from the ball on any Kick-off, Free Kick, and Corner Kick.
4. Team Size - The recommended **number of players** to begin the game is 8 v 8 **including a goalie**, but the game may start with 7 v 7. If a team has less than 7 players they forfeit the game. (Game may be played for practice only if coaches desire.) Both teams must start the game with the same number of players.
5. **Time:** Four 10-minute quarters.
6. all the rest of the rules conform to FIFA Laws except for field dimensions, field markings and goals.