

TCS-FL “LAWS OF OUR GAME”

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The TCS-FL generally follows BSCA-SL rules from the previous spring season. The “Laws of our game” table was extracted from the BSCA-SL web site in 2007 and modified slightly for TCS-FL. The single difference now existing between TCS-FL and BSCA-SL is highlighted in yellow.

There are no TCS-FL rules changes as compared to last year.

Our games are governed by the most current edition of [FIFA's Laws of the Game \(pdf format\)](#) with the variations listed on the chart below. If nothing is listed in a cell in the chart below, there is no variation from FIFA's rules.

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Law	Under 10	Under 12
1-The Field of Play	Length - 45-60 yards. Width - 35-45 yards. Center Circle-8 yard radius. Goal - 6' x 18' (7'x21' acceptable thru 2010) Penalty Arc-8 yards from penalty spot. Penalty mark - 8 yards from goal line. Field diagram	Length - 70-80 yards. Width - 45-55 yards. Center Circle-8 yard radius. Goal - 6' x 18' (7'x21' acceptable thru 2010) Penalty Arc-8 yards from penalty spot. Penalty mark-10 yards from Goal line. Field diagram
2-The Ball	Size 4 Ball	Size 4 Ball
3-The Number of Players	Roster - 14 players max Field - 6v6 incl. GK Minimum to Start or Continue-5 3 coaches maximum. ALL COACHES MUST HAVE PASSES. Player passes are <u>not</u> required. Certified rosters required for players. Unlimited substitution at any stoppage with permission of the referee.	Roster - 16 players max Field - 8v8 incl. GK Minimum to Start or Continue-7 3 coaches maximum. ALL COACHES MUST HAVE PASSES. Player passes are <u>not</u> required. Certified rosters required for players. Unlimited substitution at any stoppage with permission of the referee.
4-The Players' Equipment	Shinguards MANDATORY. Soft cleated shoe or sneakers. No jewelry.	Shinguards MANDATORY. No jewelry.
5-The Referee	Both teams will pay referee and mentor on field before match. New referee program/certified official. Referee shall briefly explain infraction to player. Referee shall check credentials.	Both teams will pay referees on field before match. Certified officials. Referee shall check credentials.
6-The Assistant Referees	No assistant referees. A mentor will be assigned to each match.	Certified assistant referees. Club Assistants should be avoided if possible.
7-The Duration of the Match	2 halves of 25 minutes each with 5 minute halftime. Referee will add time as per FIFA.	2 halves of 30 minutes each with 10 minute halftime. Referee will add time as per FIFA.

8-Start and Restart of Play	Opposing players must be at least 8 yards from the ball on kick-offs.	.
9-Ball in and Out of Play	.	.
10-The Method of Scoring	No score or standings shall be kept.	.
11-Offside	No offside penalties shall be called.	.
12-Fouls and Misconduct	Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponents penalty area.	Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponents penalty area.
13-Free Kicks	Opposing players must be at least 8 yards from the ball.	Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.
14-The Penalty Kick	Opposing players must be at least 8 yards from the ball. The penalty mark is made eight (8) yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.	Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that the penalty mark is at ten yards and that players other than the kicker and defending goalkeeper are at least eight (8) yards from the penalty mark.
15-The Throw In	.	.
16-The Goal Kick	.	.
17-The Corner Kick	.	Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least eight (8) yards from the ball.