

Vernon Soccer Association

Adult Outdoor 8v8 Rules

All regular FIFA Laws apply unless otherwise noted below.

Law 1 – The Field of Play

Approximately 50m x 70m (across the width of a full field).

Field Markings:

- There is no Goal Area.
- The Penalty Area extends 11m along the goal line from each goal post and 11m into the field.
- The Penalty Spot is 9m from the goal line.

Goals measure approximately 5.5m x 1.8m.

Law 2 – The Ball

Conform to FIFA.

Law 3 – The Number of Players:

Maximum of 8 (one of whom must be a goalkeeper)

Minimum of 5

Unlimited substitutions at a stoppage in play with the Referee's permission.

Law 4 – The Players Equipment

Conform to FIFA.

Law 5 – The Referee

Conform to FIFA.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referee

Assistant Referees are not used.

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match:

Two 40 minute halves.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play:

The Kick Off or Drop Ball procedures conform to FIFA.

Special Circumstances

A drop ball inside the Penalty Area will be taken ball was when play was stopped.

A Free Kick to the defending team in their own Penalty Area can be taken from anywhere in the Penalty Area.

In Indirect Free Kick to the attacking team in the opponents Penalty Area will be taken at the top of the Penalty Area closest to where the infraction occurred.

Law 9 – The Ball In and Out of Play:

Conform to FIFA.

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring:

Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 – Offside:

Not called.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:

Conform to FIFA except slide tackles are not permitted. A slide tackle without contact is sanctioned as Dangerous Play.

Law 13 – Free Kicks:

Conform to FIFA.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick:

Conform to FIFA.

Law 15 – The Throw-In:

Conform to FIFA.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick:

The ball may be placed anywhere in the Penalty area.

Opponents must be outside the Penalty Area and 9.15m from the ball until it is in play.

Law 17 – The Corner Kick:

Conform to FIFA.