

PLAYING RULES FOR 8v8 DIVISIONS

Except for the special rules listed below, the FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by US Club Soccer and by these tournament rules shall apply to 8v8 games:

- Maximum number of players on the field at any time is eight (8), including the goalkeeper.
- Any team not having at least 5 players on the field at the beginning of the game or during the game shall forfeit.
- Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before any direct or indirect kick (including start of play) is allowed.

The following rules will apply for **U9 and younger divisions only (not U10 or U11)**:

- Goal kicks will be taken from anywhere within the '18'-yard penalty area.
- NO PENALTY KICKS. Instead, **direct** kicks in the penalty area shall be taken from closest point on the '18'-yard penalty line.
- Throw-In: One re-throw allowed.