Indy Premier RPA modified laws

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	3RD - 4TH U9/U10	5TH - 6TH U11/U12	7TH - 12TH u14/u16/u19
Law 1 The Field	Minimum: 45 x 35 yards Maximum: 55 x 45 yards	Minimum: 75 x 55 yards Maximum: 80 x 60 yards	100 yards x 70 yards (approximate)
Law 2 The Ball	A size 4 ball will be used.		A size 5 ball will be used.
Law 3 The Players / Substitutions	Games will be played 7v7, 1 of whom is the goal keeper.	Games will be played 9v9, 1 of whom is the goal keeper.	Games will be played 11v11, 1 of whom is the goal keeper. Coed 3 girls minimum on field during play. *Coed teams should match player for player if 3 girls are not available when it is Indy Premier vs Indy Premier
	No one player will play goal keeper for more than one-half of a single game. Substitutions will be made at the discretion of the referee during ANY STOPPAGE OF PLAY. Substitutions MUST report to mid-field, prior to stoppage, unless for an injury. Substitutions report at mid-field.	A single player may play the goal keeper position the entire game. Substitutions will be made at the discretion of the referee during ANY STOPPAGE OF PLAY. Substitutions MUST report to mid-field, prior to stoppage, unless for an injury. Substitutions report at mid-field.	A single player may play the goal keeper position the entire game. Substitutions will be made at the discretion of the referee during ANY STOPPAGE OF PLAY. Substitutions MUST report to mid-field, prior to stoppage, unless for an injury. Substitutions report at mid-field.
Law 4 Players Equipment	The uniform is a jersey, shorts, soccer socks, shinguards and shoes. Nothing that could potentially cause injury to the player or another player may be worn (including jewelry and metal hair clips). The goal keeper must wear a different color jersey (or penny) to distinguish them from the other players.		
Law 5 The Referee	The referee is in charge of all game activities and is to insure each team abides by the rules. The referee's decision is final. It is the referee's responsibility to keep the game clock, stop the game for injuries, and remind players and coaches of proper game conduct. All infringements shall be briefly explained to the offending player.		
Law 6 Assistant Referees	1 center referee is the minimum required for 7v7.	There will be two assistant referees who assist in determining out of bounds, offside, corner kicks and goal kicks. The referee may overrule assistant referees.	
Law 7 Game Duration	The game will be divided into 2 equal periods of 25 minutes with a 5 minute half-time. Time will be continuous unless there is a stoppage for injury or extraordinary interruption.	The game will be divided into 2 equal periods of 30 minutes with a 5 minute half-time.	The game will be divided into 2 equal periods of 35 (u14) to 40 (u16/19) minutes with a 10 minute half-time.
	Time will be continuous unless there is a stoppage for injury or extraordinary interruption. The referee reserves the right to reduce the length of the periods to accommodate the time schedule, weather or temperature conditions.		
Law 8 Start of Play	A kick off starts play to begin the game, after halftime, and following a scored goal. The ball can move in any directions but may not be retouched by the kicker until any other player touches the ball. For the second period, teams exchange ends and defend the opposite goals. A goal may be scored directly from the kickoff.		
Law 9 Ball In and Out of Play	The ball is out of play when it has entirely crossed the the sideline or goal line or when play has been stopped by the referee. Any ball striking a referee, goal post, or corner flag, and remaining on the field is in play.		
Law 10 Goal Scoring	A goal is scored when the ball entirely crosses the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar.		
Law 11 Offside	Offside will not be enforced unless the referee determines the offside position is directed, intentional, and/or persistent in an effort to gain an unfair advantage (Cherry-Picking). Defending teams will be awarded an indirect free kick from the offside players' position.	While moving toward an opponent's goal, the offensive team may not have a player ahead of the ball unless there are two defending players between the player and the goal. Exceptions include when the player is in his/her own half of the field, or when a defender last touched the ball. The referee has the right to call or to not call the infraction depending upon whether the player is actually engaged in the play.	
Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct	A. A direct free kick shall be awarded for the following infractions: • Handling the ball • Tripping • Jumping or sliding at an opponent • Holding • Striking an opponent • Pushing • Violent charge • Kicking • Charging from behind B. An indirect free kick (that is a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has touched a player other than the kicker prior to entering the goal) shall be awarded for the following: • Dangerous play (high kick) • Charging away from the ball • Opponent obstruction • Goalkeeper holding the ball for more than 6 seconds. • Goalkeeper handles the ball played purposely from a teammate • Offsides "Play-on" - The referee may choose not to call the infraction if the offending player gains no unfair advantage. **SLIDE TACKLING** is part of the game. Referees will determine if a slide tackle is a fall or not. Referees will take a strong stance on making sure all tackles are done in a safe manner. Any tackles deemed unsafe will be addressed by the referee directly with the player and coach if needed.		
Heading:	• Heading is no longer allowed for u5-u12. An indirect free kick will be taken at spot of the infraction. Heading is allowed in u13-u19.		

Law 13 **Free Kicks**	Free kicks are either direct or indirect. Opponents are at least 8 yards from the ball on 3/4 sized fields until it is in play. Opponents are at least 10 yards from the ball on full sized fields until the ball is in play. The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player. *Direct Kick:* If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the opponents' goal, a goal is awarded. If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team. *Indirect Kick:* If the indirect free kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal a goal kick is awarded. If the indirect free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.	
Law 14 **Penalty Kicks**	Penalty kicks are awarded if a serious rule (12A) infraction takes place in the penalty area. PK's should be taken 1 yd inside the centered-edge of the penalty box. (A pk spot may not be clearly indentified) Pk is taken when referee blows the whistle. No movement from GK or PK taker can happen until whistle blows.	Penalty kicks are awarded if a serious rule (12A) infraction takes place in the penalty area. All players except the goalie must stand out of the penalty box and behind the ball placement (12 yards) until the ball is kicked. The player taking the penalty kick cannot kick the ball again until any other player has touched the ball. The keeper must remain on the goal line until the ball is kicked.
Law 15 **Inbound Throws**	After the ball has entirely crossed the sideline, the team not last touching the ball shall be awarded a throw-in. Throw-in regulations: Both feet must be on the ground (on or behind the sidelines) while the throw is made. Both hands must throw the ball, directly over the head. *No second attempt will be allowed for an incorrect throw-ins. Improper throw-ins will result in a free throw for the other team.	
Law 16 **Goal Kicks**	A goal kick is awarded when the ball passes entirely over the goal line but not within the goal scoring area and is last touched by an offensive player. Goal kicks are to be taken on the goal box line. The ball must leave the penalty area before it is again in play and may be touched by another player of either team. If the ball does not travel outside the penalty area prior to being touched a rekick is awarded.	
Goal Kicks / Goalie Distribution	For Goal Kicks and when the goalie has the ball in their hands; DEFENSIVE TEAM MUST RETREAT TO MID-LINE, UNTIL THE BALL LEAVES THE PENALTY AREA. Punts are no longer allowed for 7v7; Punts will result in indirect FK at Mid-line	U11/u19 - No changes to goal kicks or goalie distribution in these ages. Punting is allowed and defensive players can position themselves anywhere outside of the penalty box.
Law 17 **Corner Kick**	A corner kick is awarded when the ball entirely crosses the goal line and is last touched by a defensive player and is not a goal. The ball is placed inside the quarter circle nearest the corner flag post indicated by the referee. An offensive player may then kick the ball. The kicker may not touch the ball a second time until after it is touched by another player. A goal may be scored directly from corner kick. The opposing team must be at least 10 yards away. A goal may be scored without another player touching the ball.	
Local Rules:	• An emphasis is to be placed on fun and development. • All players and coaches shall be on one side of the field "team area" opposite from the parents and spectators. • Players and coaches shall remain on their own half of the sideline and are highly encouraged to sit while coaching. • No coaches or parents are allowed to sit or stand along the end-lines near the goals. • No coaches on the field unless injury has occurred and have been invited by the referee. • Players shoud huddle as a team together during injury on the field away from injured player to allow adults to attend injured player.	
	In addition: • Score may be kept. **Goal differential more than 7 is highly discouraged. Coaches are responsible for teaching their players challenging ways to play the game without lopsided score lines.** • Standings may be kept to track competitive balance of teams participating in the league. *** Players from other rosters can play to supplement a teams need for players, solely with approval of the Club Directors.	