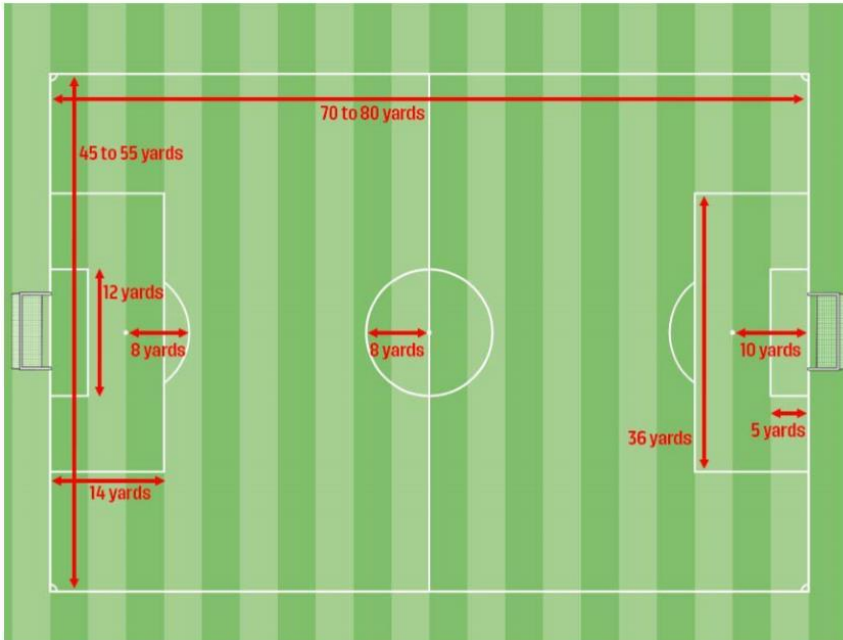


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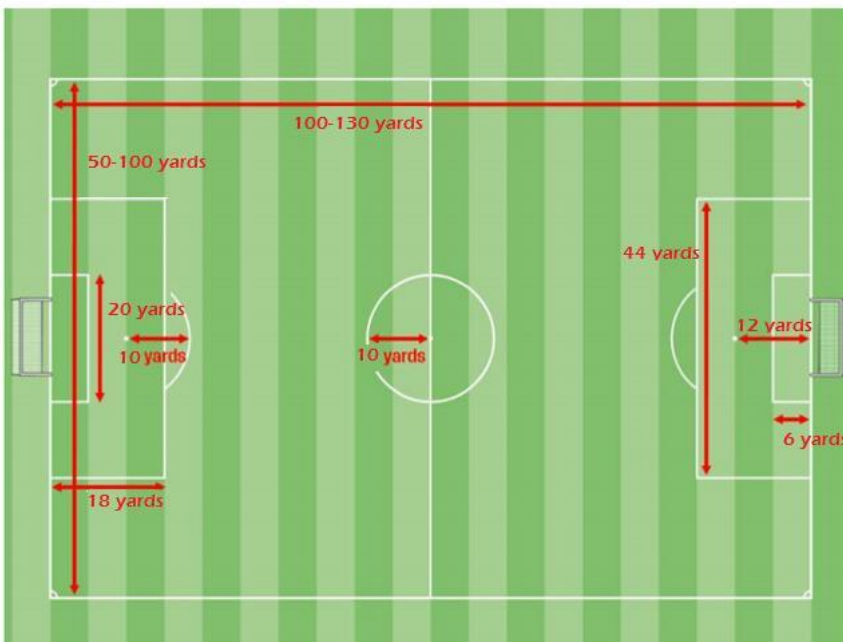
Colorado Champions League Modified Laws of the Game

Law 1- The Field of Play

- The team listed first on the official game schedule shall be designated as the home team.
- The home team shall be responsible for the conditions of the grounds, field markings, and proper equipment. All matches shall have proper markings (cones and flags are NOT proper markings), goals must be anchored, and fields shall conform to the USYS recommended dimensions below.
 - 11U-12U



- 13U-19U



- Both teams and the coaching staff shall remain on one side of the field. All spectators shall remain on the opposite side of the field when feasible. The coach of the home team shall have the right to designate which side the teams and spectators be placed on respectively. Enforcement of this law will be the responsibility of the referee.
- All spectators shall remain at least 5 feet from touchlines or goal lines, unless spectator lines establish a different distance. No person shall be permitted behind the goal-areas unless seated in bleachers.

Law 2- The Ball

- Teams shall use balls as follows:

| Age Group | Ball Size |
|-----------|-----------|
| 11U-12U | 4 |
| 13U-19U | 5 |

- Each team shall supply the referee with one or more suitable balls, properly inflated and in good condition. The referee shall choose the ball to be used in the game.

Law 3- The Players

- Team roster and playing sizes are as follows:

| Age Group | # of Players on Field | Minimum on Field | Roster Limit |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 11U-12U | 9v9 | 6 | 16 |
| 13U-14U | 11v11 | 7 | 18 |
| 15U-19U | 11v11 | 7 | 22 (18 on game day) |

- Substitutions can occur whenever the ball goes out of play or after an injury has occurred, with the following exceptions:
 - Corner kicks
 - Opposing team's throw-in, unless the opposing team is substituting players

Law 4- The Player's Equipment

- The following items are NOT permitted:
 - Hair control devices with any hard parts.
 - Jewelry of any sort, including earrings of any kind. Covering earrings with tape or similar material is NOT permitted and will not be allowed by the referee.
- The following items are CONDITIONALLY permitted:
 - Medical tags which are taped to the body.
 - Splints, casts, braces, or other joint support devices which, in the referee's opinion, are not inherently dangerous or are sufficiently padded with pliable materials to eliminate the dangerous condition.
 - Goalkeepers may wear a hat with a soft, pliable brim only when shielding eyes from direct sunlight.
- NOTE: Failure of the referee to notice illegal equipment shall not be cause for protest.
- If both teams are wearing similar colored jersey, the home team shall wear dark jerseys and the visiting team shall wear light-colored jerseys. If the visiting team does not have a light-colored jersey, then they should wear an alternate dark color that does not conflict with the home team's jersey. Either team's goalkeepers shall change jerseys as the referee directs regardless of the home/visitor status.
- All players starting each half or entering the field at a substitution shall have their jerseys fully tucked into their shorts.
- A field player may wear long-sleeve shirts under short-sleeve jerseys or trousers only in the case of adverse weather conditions.

Law 5- The Referee

- Referee's assigned to Colorado Champions League games may include any U.S. Soccer certified referee grade 9 and above, primarily U.S. Soccer Grade 8 Grassroots referees and higher will referee the Centennial League games 13U and older. U.S. Soccer Grade 9 Grassroots referees may be assigned to small-sided (11U/12U 9v9) games as deemed as appropriate by US Soccer Certified Assignors.
- Only the diagonal system of control (one whistle only) shall be used. If there are only two registered officials, one shall referee and the other shall be assistant referee. If available, non-registered volunteers may serve as a club assistant referees. The diagonal system of control consists of one referee and two assistant referees. All competitions sanctioned by the U.S. Soccer Federation require the use of this officiating system. Referees may not officiate a game using a two-whistle system. Use of a two-whistle system may result in possible fines, forfeiture of game fee, or disciplinary action.
- Prior to the start of Champions and Centennial League games, the referee shall conduct a team check-in, which consists of the following steps:
 - Referees and Assistant Referees shall introduce themselves to each team coach and request a copy of the certified team roster and USYS player passes to proceed with the team check-in for the players desiring to participate in the game.
 - Verify the identity of each player and coach with the picture on his/her USYS member/player pass.
 - If a team does not have a valid state approved roster and/or one or more of the player passes, the referee is encouraged to allow the game to proceed with the following understanding:
 - The referee will submit a detailed report to CSA noting the absence of roster(s) and/or player passes.
 - If a roster is not available, the offending team's coach or team manager will provide the referee with a written list of players' names and corresponding jersey numbers of participants in the game.
 - The referee will advise the non-offending team coach or team official of the missing information.
 - The fact that there is missing information is not a valid reason to protest the game.
 - CSA will review the referee report and will discipline coaches and/or players who are deemed to have taken unfair advantage of this rule, including but not limited to, the suspension of players and/or coaches and/or forfeiture of the game
 - Referee must note the name of any person on the roster not participating because of suspension and record confirmation of the sit out in the game report.
 - Inspect the equipment of each player for safety and conformance with the Laws of the Game and Modified Laws of the Game.
- At the completion of game, the referee shall:
 - Retain the pass of any participant (player or coach) who has been sent off or has been dismissed from the competition.
 - Return the roster and remaining passes to the appropriate team representatives.
 - Confirm notes of details with the referee crew of any incidents that will need to be included in the final game report, which includes the identity and details of the offense of any participant who has been cautioned or sent off or has committed misconduct prior to, during, or after the completion of the game.
 - Enter final score and any required incident report in GameOfficials.net – After Games within 24 hours of game completion. Be sure to note any cautions, dismissals, or serious injuries in your incident reports, as well as confirming that a player or coach served a sit out. Unsporting/disrespectful or disruptive behavior by team spectators should be noted in reports for follow up action as detailed below.

- Mail or deliver any passes retained for misconduct to CSA within 48 hours of the game.
- Retain your notes and reports for personal records. Referees need to be available to explain or clarify incidents in writing and/or in person and/or by telephone at an official hearing if requested.
- If the referee's report is not received in GameOfficials.net within 48 hours of the game date, or if the report is lacking crucial information, missing game reports will result in a fine, \$5 reduction in game fee. A referee may potentially forfeit their game payment for a game if a report is not completed or does not contain all accurate details.
- If a scheduled game is not played and referee(s) were present at the field as assigned, the referee shall submit an incident report and indicate the reasons or situation for not playing the game.
- If a scheduled game is not played due to a lack of referee, the coach(es) shall submit a written report to CSA.
- The referee's judgment with regard to the fitness or safety conditions of the field for play shall be final.
 - EXCEPTION: Persons who hold park or field permits, and/or have responsibility for field condition may close the field to play.
- Disruptive behavior from the technical area by coaches or spectators from the touchline is prohibited and will be regarded as irresponsible behavior, warranting a report of misconduct equivalent to a caution or a sending off offense. Tactical coaching from the touchline, within the set technical area, is permitted but must be done in a manner which is not disruptive to the game.

Referees shall reference the game reporting procedures and step-by-step instructions provided by CSA, U.S. Soccer Certified Assignors, and the Colorado Referee Committee each season. View the instructions in GameOfficials.net messages and on ColoradoReferees.com or ColoradoSoccer.org.

Law 6- The Other Match Officials

- 11U/12U 9v9 games will be assigned one center referee. If resources are available, Champions League games MAY have assistant referees assigned.

Law 7- The Duration of the Match

- Match duration are as follows:

| Age Group | Duration | Halftime |
|-----------|--------------|------------|
| 11U | 2x30 minutes | 10 minutes |
| 12U | 2x30 minutes | 10 minutes |
| 13U | 2x35 minutes | 10 minutes |
| 14U | 2x35 minutes | 10 minutes |
| 15U | 2x40 minutes | 10 minutes |
| 16U-17U | 2x45 minutes | 10 minutes |
| 18U-19U | 2x45 minutes | 10 minutes |

- No overtime play for league matches.

Law 8- The Start and Restart of Play

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 9- The Ball in and out of Play

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 10- Determining the Outcome of a Match

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 11- Offside

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 12- Fouls and Misconduct

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 13- Free Kicks

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 14- The Penalty Kick

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 15- The Throw-In

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 16- The Goal Kick

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.

Law 17- The Corner Kick

- No modifications made to the IFAB Laws of the Game.