

Strikers

This section contains modifications to Laws of Soccer for Strikers.

Law 1 – The Field of Play (Strikers)

Field Length: 80 yards. Field Breadth: 50 yards.

Center Circle: 8 yard radius.

A penalty area of 14 yards by 32 yards will be marked on each end of the field.

Law 2 – The Ball (Strikers)

Ball size #4

Law 3 – The Number of Players (Strikers)

The maximum number of players on the field at any one time is nine (9) including one player who will be the goalkeeper.

If a team has fewer than 7 players (one of whom must be the goalkeeper), the game will be forfeited.

Player Substitution – Standard free substitution as outlined in Law 3.

All players are required to play at least 50% of every game.

Goalkeeper Substitution – No Player is permitted to play more than 50% of the game as a goalkeeper. Any player that plays goalkeeper for any part of the 1st half may not play goalkeeper for any part of the 2nd half. Any player that plays goalkeeper must also play at least 25% of the game on the field, not as a goalkeeper.

SCSA, for any specific season, may change the number of players on the field to ensure each player has the opportunity to play a suitable amount of game time, in that season.

Laws 5 & 6 – The Referees (Strikers)

Two referees are used in SCSA 9v9 games.

Linesmen are not used in small sided games.

Law 7 – Duration of Game (Strikers)

The game will consist of **two 30-minute halves**.

Law 8 – Start of Play (Strikers)

The opponents must stay at least eight (8) yards (outside of the center circle) away from the ball until it has moved.

Law 11 - Offside (Strikers)

Offside violations are enforced with no modification.

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Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct (Strikers)

All intentional fouls will result in a direct or indirect free kick. (See Law 13-Free Kick) **Proper slide tackles are allowed.** The referee will attempt to explain all infringements to the offending player(s).

Law 13 – Free Kick (Strikers)

Both direct (DFK) and indirect (IFK) free kicks are used. Players must stay at least eight (8) yards away from all free kicks unless they are on their own goal line between the goal posts. Deliberately striking the ball with a player's head is considered dangerous play and is not allowed.

Law 14 – Penalty Kick (Strikers)

PENALTY KICKS may be awarded and taken during the game. All direct kick fouls that occur within the penalty area during the game will be taken as penalty kicks. All penalty kicks will be taken 9 yards from the goal.

Law 16 – Goal Kick (Strikers)

Goal kicks are to be taken anywhere on the outside line of the goal area. As in any free kick, all defensive players must be eight (8) yards away from the ball when it is kicked. The ball is in play once it has been kicked and clearly moves.

Law 17 – Corner Kick (Strikers)

Players of the team opposing the player taking the corner-kick shall not approach within eight (8) yards of the kicker.