

RULES OF THE PETER HOUSEMAN YOUTH LEAGUE
LAWS OF MINI-SOCCER

For players (both boys and girls) under 11 on 31st August 2015

To be read in conjunction with HFA Membership Rule 23.
Peter Houseman Youth League Rules Apply

Where matches are played by Clubs that are members of the Peter Houseman Youth League at Mini-Soccer (Under 11's) events, they must follow these Laws.

Except where other provision in these Laws are made, the Laws of Association Football apply. Each Law is numbered to correspond with the appropriate Law of the Game.

LAW 1: Playing Area

Width	Length
50 yards	80 yards
45 Metres	73.125 Metres

Penalty Area

Width	Length
32 Yards	13 Yards
29.26 Metres	11.88 Metres

Halfway Line

The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the mid-point of the halfway line. This is also used as the retreat line when restarting play with a goal kick.

Goal Size

The distance between the posts is 4.87m or 6.40m (16 feet or 21 feet) and the distance between the lower edge of the crossbar and the ground is 2.13m (7 feet).

WARNING:

In view of a number of accidents that have occurred, it is necessary to ensure that portable goals of any size are either pinned or weighted to prevent them for toppling forward.

LAW 2: The Ball

The ball should be size 4 for U11. It should be safe and made of leather or another suitable material.

LAW 3: Number of Players

Maximum number per team Including Goalkeeper	
Under 11	9 v 9

The above table indicates the maximum number of players per team at that age group. If the competition would like to have smaller numbers, e.g. 7v7 at U11, this is allowed within this framework.

A match may not START if either team consists of fewer than six (6) players. The minimum number of players in a team required for a match to CONTINUE is also six (6). Should a team fall below this, normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

Players must play with and against players only from their own age range, as per Football Association and Competition rules. Each team must not have a squad greater than double the size of the team per age.

Any number of substitutes, without being named, may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. A player who has been replaced may return to the playing area as a substitute for another player. All team members should receive equal playing time where possible, with a best practice recommendation of at least 50% per player for each game.

For all other substitution rules, normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 4: Playing Equipment

Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing top. Shin guards must be covered entirely by the socks. Players must wear the appropriate clothing dependant on the weather.

Correct footwear must be worn for the surface of the pitch e.g. no metal studs on artificial grass pitches.

LAW 5: Referees

The Authority of the Referee

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws for 9 v 9 in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.

The powers and duties of the referee are as normal Laws apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 6: Assistant Referee

Two assistant referees may be appointed whose duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are to indicate:

- When the whole of the ball leaves the field of play
- Which team is entitled to a corner kick, goal kick or throw-in
- When a player may be penalised for being in an off side position
- When a substitution is requested When misconduct or any other incident occurs out of the view of the referee
- When offences have been committed whenever the assistant referees have a better view than the referee (this includes, in certain circumstances, offences committed in the penalty area)
- Whether, at penalty kicks, the goalkeeper moves off the goal line before the ball is kicked and if the ball crosses the line.

LAW 7: Duration of the Game

In any one day, no player shall play more than 100 minutes. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer or organisation to ensure the child does not exceed this. Each league/ competition will determine its own playing time within the maximum time permitted, however, the maximum duration will be two halves of 30 minutes.

It is permitted during development matches that the periods of play can be split into equal quarters. The half time interval must not exceed 15 minutes.

Please refer to the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions.

LAW 8: Start and Restart of Play

Procedure

A kick-off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored.

Opponents must be nine yards away from the ball and in their own half of the field. The ball must be played forward.

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 9: Ball in and Out of Play

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 10: Method of Scoring

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 11: Offside

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 12: Fouls and Misconduct

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 13: Free-Kicks

For all free kicks opponents must be ten yards from the ball.

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 14: Penalty-Kicks

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

Position of the Ball and the Players

All players except the defending goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least nine yards from the penalty mark.

LAW 15: Throw-In

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 16: Goal Kick

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

LAW 17: Corner Kicks

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

RULES OF THE PETER HOUSEMAN YOUTH LEAGUE **DEVELOPMENT FOOTBALL TROPHY EVENTS**

At the discretion of the Management Committee there may be Trophy Events held during the season as per The Football Association Youth Development Review Programme.

The organisation of these competitions if held will be arranged by the Leagues Management Committee.

The format of each competition if held will be decided by the Leagues Management Committee.

All other rules as per Peter Houseman Youth League, League Cup and Laws of Mini Soccer will apply.

Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the Management Committee and will be accepted as final.