

Junior Football Modifications – CHPSSA

Gameplay

* Teams must field teams consisting of 9 players only – 8 out-field players and a goalkeeper.

* Games are to be 15 minutes per half.

* Each match must be played on a modified field size – Playing box to box with the sidelines brought in about 5-10 metres from each side of a normal field. See image below



* The keepers box should be marked with non obtrusive witches hats (either flat discs or roughly marked along the sideline and goal line so as not to interfere with play.) Referees/Teachers are to use best judgement when judging if the keeper is in or out of the box.

* Due to the smaller field, goalkeepers are to either throw the ball out during open play or place the ball on the ground and kick from the ground. While the ball is technically still in play when the keeper puts the ball down, opposition players should give the keeper a respectful distance in order to allow him to distribute the ball. Goal kicks are to be taken from the ground as normal.

* Goalposts should be set up using witches hats, AFL posts or appropriately sized football goals (distance between the goal posts should be 4.5-5 metres, see image above). If there is no crossbar, it is up to the referee's discretion as to whether a goal is awarded or deemed to have gone too high. Appropriately sized football goals with a crossbar will be provided for Grand Finals.

Offside

* Offsides should still be officiated in junior PSSA football.

* A player is deemed offside if:

- he or she is nearer to his opponent's goal line than both the ball and the second-last opponent (the last opponent is normally the goalkeeper).

* A player cannot be ruled offside if he/she:

- receives the ball from a throw in
- receives the ball from a goal kick
- is in line with the second-last opponent
- in line with or behind the ball
- in his/her own half of the field

NOTE: Unless stated above, all other FIFA Laws of the Game apply to junior/girls PSSA football.

Seniors play according to FIFA Laws of the Game -

- **Games are to be 20 min per half for seniors**

<https://resources.fifa.com/image/upload/ifab-laws-of-the-game-2020-21.pdf?cloudid=d6g1medsi8jrrd3e4imp>