

Rule Differences

Full Side vs 5 A Side Soccer

Law	Full Side	5 A Side
III-Number of Players	Eleven, one of whom is goalkeeper	Five, one of whom is goalkeeper
III-Number of Players		Substitutions are unlimited, they must be made during a stoppage of play
VII-Duration of the Game	2 45-minute halves	2 20-minute halves
VII-Fouls and Misconduct	Shoulder charge legal	Shoulder charge illegal-Direct free kick
	Slide tackle legal	Slide tackle illegal-Direct free kick
		Goalkeeper may not handle ball direct from kick in by teammate-Indirect free kick
		Goalkeeper may not handle the ball after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a teammate-Indirect free kick
		Goalkeeper may not handle the ball again after releasing possession until the ball has crossed the halfway line or been touched by an opponent-Indirect free kick
XIII-Free Kicks	Opponent must retreat 10 yards	Opponent must retreat 5 yards
XVI-Throw In/Kick In	Ball throw in from touch line	Ball returned to play from touch line by kick in. A goal cannot be scored from a kick in.
XVII-Goal Kick	Ball kicked into play from goal area	Ball put into play by keep distributing with hands
Red card rule	No player replacement	Player may not re enter the game. Team plays short for 2 minutes or until opponents score.