

LAW VII: Duration of the Game

A standard game consists of two 45-minute halves. Younger age groups have varying lengths. A referee may add time for injuries and substitutions. It is important that both halves be approximately the same length.

LAW VIII: The Start of Play

At the beginning of a half and after a goal, play is begun with a place-kick from the center of the field. The ball must travel **any** distance into the opponent's half of the field for the ball to be in play. This is a direct kick.

LAW IX: Ball In And Out of Play

The ball is out of play when the entire ball passes completely over the touch line or the goal line. If any part of the ball is above the plane of the line (even if in the air), the ball is still in play.

