

GAWSA Rules of Play

FIFA Laws of the Game Apply, except as follows:

All Divisions:

1. A minimum of seven (7) players per team is required to start the game, and seven (7) players per team to finish a game.
2. Substitutions: a player may only be substituted during a stoppage in play and with the permission of the referee.

Modifications for Divisions 3 and Masters (O-30)

1. **No Goal Keeper Contact** - A player shall not, in any manner, charge the goalkeeper in the penalty area unless the goalkeeper is obstructing the player or dribbling the ball with her feet. An official shall eject, without caution, any player who fouls the goalkeeper in possession of the ball. A foul is considered any version of the following:
 1. Using careless or reckless force
 2. Kicks or attempts to kick the keeper
 3. Trips or attempts to trip the keeper
 4. Jumps at the keeper
 5. Charges the keeper

A. Possession or control of the ball includes when the goalkeeper has the ball trapped by either or both hands, has trapped the ball between her hand and the ground or when bouncing it to the ground or when releasing the ball into play. 1. For purposes of determining whether a player has charged the goal keeper, the referee must determine whether the goal keeper had at least a 40% chance of trapping the ball; 2. Outside the penalty area, the goalkeeper has no more privileges than any other player.
2. **No Slide Tackles** - For the slide tackle rule to be enforced, both the slide and the tackle must occur. (1) Sliding without a tackle is not illegal. (2) The penalty for a slide tackle is an indirect free kick.