

MINI SOCCER RULES FOR UNDER 8

Pitch Measurements

GOALS : 1.5m high x 4.5m wide
GOAL AREA : 10m radius semi-circle
CENTRE CIRCLE : 10m 5m radius circle drawn.
CORNER AREAS : 1m radius from centre.

Flags on posts must be placed at each corner.

FIELD SIZE : Length 75m maximum 66m minimum
Width 55m maximum 40m minimum

THE BALL : Size 3

Duration of Games

Under 8 20 minutes each way, 5 minutes half time

Players

- (a) Games will be conducted between teams of a maximum of 9 and a minimum of 7 players.
- (b) There will be no restrictions in the number of substitutes allowable.
- (c) Each team must have a goalkeeper dressed in colours that distinguish him from all other players.

The Playing Rules

Games shall be played according to the FIFA Laws of Association Football with the following modifications.

1. Games will be conducted as friendly games. Competition points and tables will not apply.
2. Goal kicks will be taken from the center of the arc defining the goal area.
3. Corner kicks will be taken from the corner area.
4. There will be no PENALTY KICKS.
5. All free kicks awarded inside the goal area (i.e. for both teams) will be taken with the ball placed on the arc defining the goal area at the point nearest the position of the offence.
6. Defending players must be no less than 5m from the ball during the taking of any free kick, corner kick or goal kick.
7. The offside law shall apply as F.I.F.A. Laws of the game.
8. Players marking or obstructing the opposing goalkeeper, whilst that goalkeeper is in control of the ball, will be penalised by an indirect free kick taken from the centre of the arc defining the goal area.
9. Players may be interchanged at any time during the match.
10. No coaching will be allowed from the side line in under 8's except by the Coach and then only if information is given quietly in a NON HYSTERICAL manner.
11. Coaches will not be permitted on the field.
12. The "pass back to the goal keeper" rule will not apply in mini soccer.