

RECREATIONAL MINI SOCCER
Rules - 9 Aside
for all players born in 2005 & 2006 - U11 & U12

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The games will be played as per FIFA Laws of the Game with the following modifications:

1. 2 x 35 minutes halves

2. Size four (4) ball

3. Number of Players

A team may have up to 16 players, but NOT more than 9 players including the goalkeeper from each team on the field at one time.

A game shall be started on time if both teams have at least 7 players available including the goalkeeper.

If 7 players from each team are not available, a grace period not exceeding 15 minutes is allowed.

4. Substitutions

- At the start of each half
- After a goal is scored
- On any goal kick
- On a team's own throw-in. The other team may piggy back.
- To replace an injured player

Provided both coaches and the referee agree BEFORE the start of the game, additional substitutions may be allowed at other stoppages in play to provide relief from exhaustion during unreasonably hot weather

Except for half time, no substitutions shall be made unless the referee is first notified, and then, only after the referee has signaled consent.

5. Players' Equipment

No player shall wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player.

A player wearing protective devices (i.e. casts, braces, etc.) will not be allowed to play, unless written approval is received from the Club Head Referee or his designated official.

Each player **MUST** wear shin guards

No Jewellery is allowed. Jewellery cannot be taped.

6. Goal Kick

Retreat Line

The retreat line will come into play when the ball has gone out for a goal kick or when the goalkeeper has the ball in his/her arms. The retreat line shall be marked at the 1/3 rds of the field. The use of field markers outside the field of play to indicate the retreat line is recommended.

The ball is in play once it leaves the penalty area. All opponents must be behind the retreat line and cannot cross the retreat line until the ball:

- Is touched by a player of the team releasing the ball OR,
- Leaves the field of play OR,
- Goes over the retreat line. (If the goalkeeper chooses to play the ball across the retreat line prior to the opposition crossing the retreat line)

Infringements

If the ball is not kicked directly out of the penalty area from a goal kick, goal kick is retaken.

If a player who has taken a goal kick correctly deliberately plays the ball a second time or touches the ball with his/her hand when the ball has left the penalty area before another player has touched it, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the position where the second touch occurred (see Law 13 – Position of free kick).

7. Coaches

Gross disregard of the Rules or Codes of Conduct whether committed by players, coaches or parents will not be tolerated. If, after having issued warnings, this type of misconduct persists, the referee shall request that the coach remove the offenders from the vicinity of the field of play. Failure to obey the referee's request may result in abandonment of the game and subsequent disciplinary action.

8. Discipline Reports

Any discipline is to be indicated on the game sheet (player number, name, team name, time and offense). Formal discipline reports (Cautions, Ejections, Special Incident, or Referee Assault Reports) are to be handed into the WISC office within 48 hours of the game, and the Head Referee **MUST** be notified.