



FA Rules of the Game

Mini-Soccer, 9 v 9: laws of the game

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Frodsham Junior Football Club: Rules of the Game
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Mini-Soccer

Playing Area

Under 7's and Under 8's: Minimum 30yds x 40yds (90 feet x 120 feet), Maximum 35yds x 50yds (105 feet x 150 feet). Under 9's and under 10's: Minimum 35yds x 50yds (105 feet x 150 feet), Maximum 40yds x 60yds (120 feet x 180 feet).

Where space allows a line of cones must be marked out a minimum of 1 metre from the edge of the touchlines. All parents / spectators must stand behind the cones leaving only the manager, the assistant and the substitutes between the cones and the pitch. No parent, players, spectators or officials are allowed to stand behind the goal line.

Penalty Area

The penalty area extends 10yards from the goal line and across the whole width of the pitch and anywhere within this area the goalkeeper may pick the ball up. N.B In The Cheshire Girls Football League the Penalty Area is marked out.

Penalties

Penalties shall be awarded when an infringement takes place within an area the width of the goal posts to the edge of the penalty area.

Penalty Spot

The penalty spot is 10 yards from the goal line in between the goal posts.

Goal sizes

The goal sizes MUST be 12 feet x 6 feet.

Ball size

Balls used must be: Size 3 for Under 7s, 8s and Girls U9's. Size 4 for Under 9s, 10s.

Numbers

Each team must not have a squad greater than double the size of the team. (i.e. 7players = 14 squad members).

Substitutes

Any number of substitutes without being named may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. A player who has been replaced may return as a substitute for another player.

Safety

All players MUST wear shin guards. All portable goals must be either pinned or weighted down to prevent them from falling. No jewellery.

Referees

If the appointed referee fails to appear, both teams must nominate a person to referee the whole of the game. It must then be decided, by the toss of a coin, who shall officiate and once agreed that referee shall for that game have the status and authority of a registered referee. If the person nominated is not prepared to referee the full game each nominated person shall officiate one half each. If there is a qualified referee prepared to officiate the game he/she shall have preference over the non-qualified nominees.

Start of Play

A kick-off is taken at the centre circle to start the game and after a goal has been scored.

Offside

There are no off-sides.

Throw-ins

There are no foul throws for u7's and u8's but managers should ensure that all players are instructed how to throw in correctly and every effort must be made by the players to throw correctly. U9's and above will be penalized for foul throws.

Free-kicks

All free kicks are direct and the opposition must be at least 5 yards away.

Goal kicks

In open play, the Goal Keeper can kick the ball out of their hands. If the ball goes out of play for a goal kick, then the ball must be kicked off the ground. (Under 7s exempt from this – they may kick out of their hands all of the time). We wish to encourage all teams to play the ball on the ground and from the back so that we give the players the best opportunity to develop. N.B In the Cheshire Girls League the opposition will be required to retreat to the half way line until the goal kick is taken

Goalkeepers

Passing back to the goalkeeper is allowed in boys/mixed football but NOT in the Cheshire Girls League.

Playing Times

For Boys/Mixed Under 7s: 20 minutes each way, Under 8s: 20 minutes each way, Under 9s: 25 minutes each way, Under 10s: 30 minutes each way. N.B Cheshire Girls League games are 10 mins each way.

Cancellations

Games can only be called off under exceptional circumstances and only with the approval of the fixture secretary. In the event of bad weather causing the cancellation the home team MUST give the opposition at least 2 hours' notice.

Results

The winning team manager or U7s and 8s home team manager shall be responsible for emailing in the results. The fixture secretary must receive all results by 6pm on the Saturday.

Photo sheets

No fixtures will take place until the fixture secretary has received a completed squad of players with copies of birth certificates or other official documents for each player. The managers of each team will be responsible for presenting the opposing team manager his copy of the photo sheet before each game and it will be kept until the end of the game where upon it will be returned. Any queries arising from these sheets must be mentioned by the time the sheets are returned and to the fixtures secretary within 24 hours if any action is required. Any team not producing their laminates must be reported to the age group secretary within 24 hours. Any team violating this rule MAY HAVE POINTS DEDUCTED. The photographs of each player must be up-to-date. Changing players from team to team IS NOT allowed.

The Cheshire Girls League requires the manager/coach of each team to present the ID cards of all players to each other and to be checked against each player before the kick off.

Phoning

It is up to the home manager to contact the opposition manager and the appointed referee by the Wednesday before the game to confirm the fixture, give directions and confirm team colours.

Venues

Should a fixture be in doubt because of the pitch, it must be remembered that it is not where it is played that matters, but that it must be played even if it means playing the same team twice away from home.

Transfers

A player may transfer as often as required, be it to another club or to another team in his club. A player registered with one team may not play for any other team even within the same club. Any player found doing so shall be considered ineligible.

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Playing Area

Maximum: 240 feet x 150 feet (80 yds x 50 yds)

Minimum: 210 feet x 135 feet (70 yds x 45 yds)

It is recommended that the playing area for this league should be 210 feet (70 yds) x 150 feet (50 yds) for under 11's and 225 feet (75yds) x 165 feet (50 yds) for under 12's.

Where space allows a line of cones must be marked out a minimum of 1 metre from the edge of the touchlines. All parents/spectators must stand behind the cones leaving only the manager, the assistant and the substitutes between the cones and the pitch. No parent, players, spectators or officials are allowed to stand behind the goal line.

Penalty Area

The penalty area extends 12yards from the goal line and 20yds wide and anywhere within this area the goalkeeper may pick the ball up.

Penalties

Penalties shall be awarded when an infringement takes place within the penalty area.

Penalty Spot

The penalty spot is 10yards from the goal line in between the goal posts.

Goal sizes

The goal sizes MUST be 16 feet wide x 7 feet high and safely fixed to the ground.

Ball size

Balls used must be:

Size 4 for Under 11s & Under 12's and U13's Girls.

Numbers

Each team must not have a squad greater than 16 registered players.

Substitutes

7 substitutes may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. A player who has been replaced may return as a substitute for another player.

Safety

All players MUST wear shin guards. All portable goals must be either pinned or weighted down to prevent them from falling.

Referees

If the appointed referee fails to appear, both teams must nominate a person to referee the whole of the game. It must then be decided, by the toss of a coin, who shall officiate and once agreed that referee shall for that game have the status and authority of a registered referee. If the person nominated is not prepared to referee the full game each nominated person shall officiate one half each. If there is a qualified referee prepared to officiate the game he/she shall have preference over the non-qualified nominees.

Start of Play

A kick-off is taken at the centre circle to start the game and after a goal has been scored.

Offside

There are no off-side at U11's but off-sides do exist for U12's.

Throw-ins

Regulation throw-ins must be taken.

Free-kicks

All free kicks are direct and the opposition must be at least 7 yards away from the ball.

Goal kicks

In open play, the Goal Keepers can kick the ball out of their hands. If the ball goes out of play for a goal kick, then the ball must be kicked off the ground.

Goalkeepers

Passing back to the goalkeeper for the keeper to pick up is not allowed. In the event of a pass back that the keeper picks up, a free kick should be taken from the penalty area line, parallel with the goal line at the nearest point to the offence.

Playing Times

Under 11s and Under 12s and Girls U13's: 30 minutes each way.

Cancellations

Games can only be called off under exceptional circumstances and only with the approval of the fixture secretary (SEE RULE 10C). In the event of bad weather causing the cancellation the home team MUST give the opposition at least 2 hours' notice.

Results

The team managers shall be responsible for SMS the result to FA FULL TIME immediately after the game. The fixture secretary must receive all results by 6pm on the Saturday.

Photo sheets

No fixtures will take place until the fixture secretary has received a completed team with copies of birth certificates or other official confirmation of age for each player. The managers of each team will be responsible for presenting the opposing team manager his copy of the photo cards before each game and it will be kept until the end of the game where upon it will be returned. Any queries arising from these sheets must be mentioned by the time the sheets are returned and to the fixtures secretary within 24 hours if any action is required. Any team not producing their laminates must be reported to the age group secretary within 24 hours. Any team violating this rule MAY HAVE POINTS DEDUCTED. The photographs of each player must be up-to-date.

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Points

Points awarded are three points for a win and one point for a draw. Goal difference does not count, in the event of a tie to determine the championship, a play-off will take place.

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It is up to the home manager to contact the opposition manager and the appointed referee by the Wednesday before the game to confirm the fixture, give directions and confirm team colours.

Venues

Should a fixture be in doubt because of the pitch, it must be remembered that it is not where it is played that matters, but that it must be played even if it means playing the same team twice away.

Transfers

A player may transfer as often as needed to another club or to another team in his club. A player

registered with one team may not play for any other team even within the same club, unless the age groups are classed as non-competitive. Any player found doing so shall be considered ineligible and the management committee shall carry out the appropriate action. (Exceptional circumstances will be considered by the fixture secretary before a game is played if special reasons exist).