

PLAYING FORMATS BOYS AND GIRLS AGED UNDER 12

PLAYER NUMBERS

Under 12 football should have a maximum of 9 a-side on the field including goalkeepers.

GOAL TYPE

Portable secured goals should be used. Goal size of 5m x 2m.

GOALKEEPER

The goalkeeper is allowed to handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. To restart play after a save or gathering the ball with their hands, the ball must be thrown or rolled from the hands or played from the ground with their feet, within 6 seconds. The goalkeeper is not allowed to kick or drop kick the ball directly from their hands.

Opponents must be at least 10 metres outside the penalty area and cannot move inside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play once it moves out of the penalty area or when the goalkeeper places the ball on the ground. An indirect free kick is awarded if the goalkeeper touches the ball with their hands after it has been deliberately passed to them by a teammate.

BALL CROSSING THE TOUCH LINE

Throw in. Player faces the field of play, has part of each foot on the ground either on or behind the touch line, uses both hands and delivers the ball from behind and over their head. The thrower must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play once it enters the field of play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw in.

BALL CROSSING THE GOAL LINE AFTER TOUCHING THE DEFENDING TEAM LAST

Corner kick. A player from the attacking team places the ball inside the corner arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the line. Opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball until it is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick.

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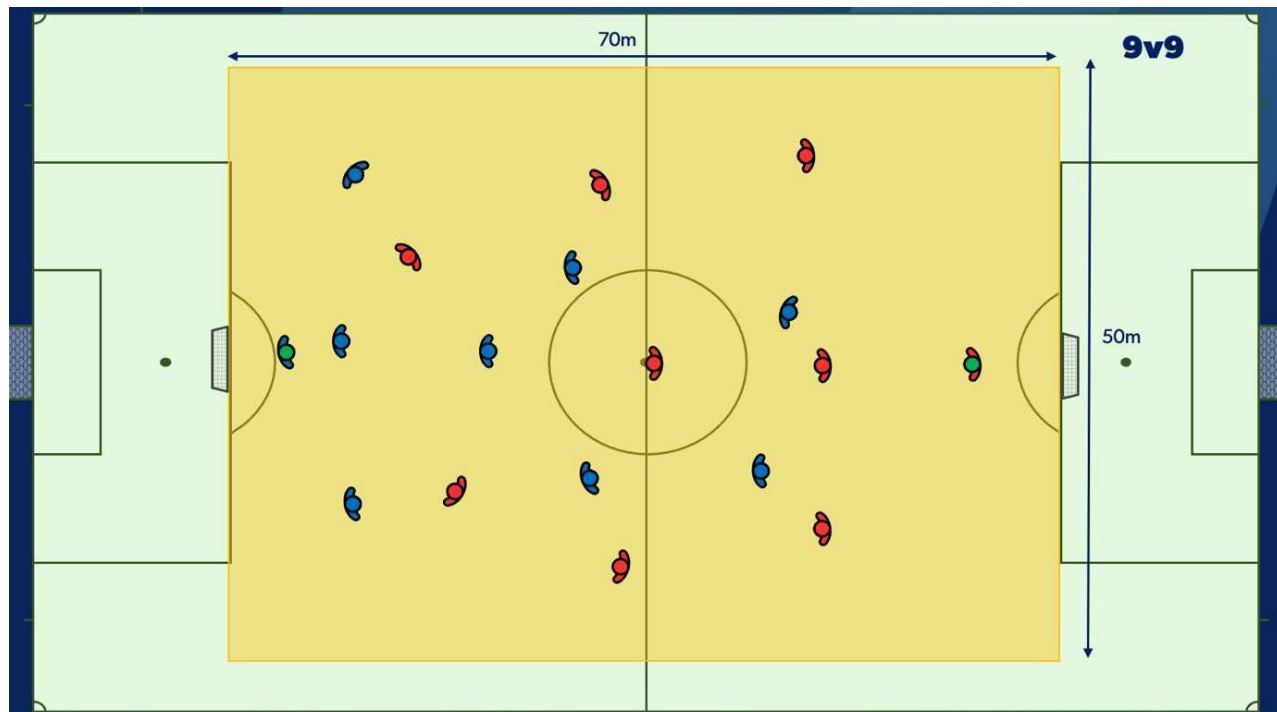
Goal kick from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents remain at least 5 metres outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. Game Leaders should not restart play until they are satisfied all opposition players are at least 5 metres outside the penalty area. The ball is in play once it is kicked directly out of the penalty area.

OFFSIDE

The official offside rule (Law 11, FIFA Laws of the Game) does not apply to MiniRoos Under 10 & 11. Goals can be scored from the offside position.

Game Leaders should direct players permanently standing in blatant offside positions to move into onside positions. Children should be made aware of the official offside rule during training and be encouraged to adopt this philosophy during the game at all times.

U12 competition age teams will see a firmer stance on the offside rule. Game Leaders should use their discretion to conclude whether the attacking player displays intent to remain in an onside position. If the Game Leader deems there to be no intent to remain in an onside position, a free kick will be awarded to the defending team. Players will NOT be punished for a mistimed attempt to remain in an onside position. The Game Leader is encouraged to discuss why a player has been penalised for showing no intent to remain in an onside position.



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Number of Players	9 a-side
Goalkeeper	Yes
Field	70m x 50m or full field box to box
Penalty Area	10m x 20m
Goal	5m x 2m
Ball	Size 4
Duration	30 minutes x 2