

Small-sided Format and Playing Rules

TKU Vision

The objectives of Junior football at Three Kings are “scoring goals, having fun and fair play”

The rules of football are simple. Please make every effort to play, coach and support in the spirit of the beautiful game, and in line with our objectives as above.

Game Time and Pitch Size

6th: Start 8.30 - 2 x 13 minute halves on 1/8th
7th: Start 8.30 - 2 x 13 minute halves on 1/8th
8th: Start 9.15 - 2 x 15 minute halves on 1/4th
9th: Start 10.00 - 2 x 18 minute halves on 1/4th

Ball size

Size 3 for all Junior grades

Team Size

6th Grade: 5 a side
7th Grade: 5 a side
8th Grade: 6 a side
9th Grade: 7 a side (incl. a g/k)

Some teams may have a sub. They should play a rolling sub, and give equal game time for all players.

If a team is one short, then that team will play with one fewer. If a team is two short, then the teams must be evened up.

No older players are to play in any grade, but a younger player can be used to make even player numbers in teams.

Referees

Both team coaches can be on the field assisting their players in all Junior grades.
One coach should ref each half.
Supporters should be on the sideline, and not behind the goals.

Goal scoring

Goals can only be scored from within the opposing team's half of the field. Goals can not be scored directly from a kick off.

Goalkeepers

With the exception of 9th Grade, no player is to wait near or guard their own team's goal. If this happens, the ref is to ask them to move.

Goal Kicks, Corners and Throw-Ins

All goal kicks are to be taken by any member of the defending team from on the ground within 5 metres of the goal. The attacking team should move well clear of the goal area, at least another 10 metres back.

Corners

All corner kicks are to be taken from within one metre of the corner.

Throw-Ins

For 6th and 7th Grades there will be no throw-ins, but a restart by kicking the ball in to play.

For 8th and 9th Grades, throw-ins should be taken correctly. If a player has not done this correctly, then the ref should show the player how to do it, and ask them to retake the throw-in.

Infringements

Tackles from behind, dangerous and jump-in tackles must be blown up.

Deliberate hand-balls (for hand to ball not ball to hand) should also be penalised.

A free kick is given against the offending team.

A direct free kick may be awarded to the attacking team if there is an infringement within the goal area. This is a free shot at goal from 10m.

No Off sides

There is no offside rule applied in any Junior grade. However, players should be discouraged from taking up a position near the opposing team's goal, unless there is a defending team's player nearby.

