

Small-sided Format and Playing Rules

TKU Vision: "scoring goals, having fun and fair play".

The rules of football are simple, please make every effort to play, coach and support with our objectives in mind.

Football is a dynamic sport. Coaches should encourage lots of movement, defenders moving up with play, etc. We want to see movement off the ball. Coaches should also encourage players to try different positions.

Game Time and Pitch Size

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

Ball size

Size 3 ball for all grades. Please name your ball.

Team Size

6th Grade: 5-a-side
7th Grade: 5-a-side
8th Grade: 6-a-side
9th Grade: 7-a-side (incl. a goal keeper)

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 boy can play down in any grade, but a younger player may play up to make even numbers of players in a team that is short.

Girls' teams may have a larger squad. If the game is uneven, the coaches can use discretion to try and even things up. Some girls teams, and some girl players, may play down a grade.

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, or throw-in (or kick-in for 6th / 7th grades).

Goalkeepers

With the exception of 9th Grade, no player (or coach) is to wait near or guard their own team's goal. If this occurs the ref will 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.