



## MINIROOS (U6 – U11) – MATCH DAY INFORMATION

### Maximum Number of Players and Substitutes that can participate in a match.

- U6 – 7 players (4 Field + 3 subs)
- U7 – 7 players (4 Field + 3 subs)
- U8 – 11 players (7 Field + 4 subs)
- U9 – 11 players (7 Field + 4 subs)
- U10 – 14 players (9 Field + 5 subs)
- U11 – 14 players (9 Field + 5 subs)

### Interchange will be per FFA MiniRoo regulations

Players may be rotated on and off the field at any time during the game. A coach/parent may make substitutions while the ball is in play, ensuring the player is off the field before the substitute goes on. **Equal playing time should be a priority ensuring all players regardless of age, gender and/or ability get to take the field.**

Regular rotation of players is key. Kids don't register to watch football – they just want to play!

If there is space on the sidelines, substitutes should be encouraged to set up small-sided games or practice their skills in a designated area, not interfering with play.

### Borrowing Players

All U6 to U11 players are to be placed in the appropriate age group only and are eligible to play in any team within the age group, or an older age group no more than two years above the age group to which he or she is entitled to register.

*Note – There is no maximum number of players who can be registered per team, however teams must comply with the maximum number of players, which can participate in a given match.*

### Match Duration

Two equal halves. The time for each half:

- U6 and U7 – 20 Minutes
- U8 and U9 – 20 Minutes
- U10 and U11 – 25 Minutes

All games are permitted a 5-minute half time break.

### Player Equipment

Jewellery / Earrings / Piercings – are not allowed to be worn on the field. Taping them is not permitted.

Sport Spectacles – Only approved sports glasses must be worn during games. They must adhere to the FSC-Junior – Glasses, Spectacles, Sports Goggles and 2021 Competition Regulation 2.6.5. In junior competitions, any player that requires to wear glasses to play must obtain documentation from an optometrist indicating that the glasses worn are sports safety glasses to play football.

Clash of Colours – Clubs are permitted to allocate an alternative coloured shirt for their teams. In the case of a colour clash between two teams/clubs then the team not wearing the club's first choice (main) strip will be required to change or wear bibs.

In the case when there is a colour clash and the team is wearing their clubs first choice (main) strip then the Away team must change and wear their clash kit or bibs.

### Match Officials

It is the Home Grounds' responsibility to appoint to each "Zone" used for MiniRoo matches at least one Jacketed Official.

## Game Leader and Instructing Referee

Game team leader can be a club official, parent, older child (13+) or beginner referee (13+).

Number of game leaders allowed on the field

- U6 – 2 Game team leaders
- U7 – 2 Game team leaders

In U6 & U7 matches - a coach from each team shall be allowed on the field to instruct players; one of these coaches will be the game leader.

In U8 to U11 matches, one game leader or instructing referee will be permitted on the field. Team Officials will remain off the field unless they are the game leader or instructing referee appointed by the Match Day Supervisor.

## Positioning of Game leaders on the field

- Not too close to players and action
- Behind the play at a reasonable distance and not in goals
- A good practise is to run along the touchline on opposite sides of the field.
- Game Leaders are not to take extra people on the field with them eg younger sibling and should not take food or drinks on field.

## Field of Play

- U6 and U7 – 30m x 20m
- U8 and U9 – 40 to 50m x 30 to 40m
- U10 and U11 – 60 to 70m x 40 to 50m

## Exclusion Zones

Teams are to retreat from a goal kick/goalkeeper restart.

- U6 to U9 – Teams retreat to the halfway mark.
- U10 & U11 – Teams retreat 15 metres from the penalty area. Penalty area size for U10 & U11 is 10m x 20m

Exclusion zones can be marked using domes on the sidelines to assist coaches, players and referees.

## Offside Rule

U6 to U9 – There is no offside in these age groups, but deliberately placing of players in an offside position is contrary to the spirit of the game and is to be discouraged.

U10 & U11 – The offside law will be introduced in this age group as a basis for game. The application of the Law will be for deliberate or blatant offside.

## Team Sheets

If all details are correct sign the team sheet. If there is an issue, record on the back of the team sheet and report this to your club who will need to follow the issue up with FSC.

Scores will assist the FSC Competition Coordinator in assigning the draw for teams of similar ability to appropriate team groupings.

***Note – Scores are required for U8, U9, U10 and U11 matches but will not be published or contribute to a competition table.***