

FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA
LAWS OF SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

FOOTBALL TOOWOOMBA INC
UNDER 11's

Start of play and restart after a goal

Pass forward to a teammate from the middle of the halfway line. All players must be in their own half of the field of play. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a teammate before a goal can be scored.

The Field of Play

Minimum: 60m x 40m Maximum: 70m x 50m (Half-size full pitch)

Goal Size

Minimum: 4.5m wide x 2m high Maximum: 5m wide x 2m high

The Ball

Size 4

Penalty Area

Rectangular – 5m depth x 12m width

Duration of the Game

2x 24 minute halves plus a 5 minute half time break

The Number of Players

9 players on each team including the goalkeeper. Maximum of 4 substitutes.

Substitutes may rotate during the entire game. The coach is allowed to make the substitutions while the ball is in play, but must wait until the substituted player has left the field before allowing the substitute on.

Referee

The main role of the referee is to control the game to ensure it is played fluently and instruct and correct the players on how to behave and what the rules are (e.g. what a foul is, what a free kick is and how to throw-in). Should these indiscretions happen a second time the referee should stop the game and apply the appropriate action and decisions.

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 5m 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 kicked to them by a team mate.

Throw-ins, Corner Kicks and Goal Kicks

All opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it has been thrown or kicked into play.

Offside

There is no offside. Referees are asked to strongly discourage players from permanently and/or persistently standing in blatant offside positions. The referee should direct players permanently and/or persistently standing in blatant offside positions to move into onside positions.

Fouls & Misconduct

Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball when the indirect free kick is taken.

For deliberate or serious acts of handball or fouls and misconduct in the penalty area, a penalty kick is awarded from a 8m penalty mark with only a goalkeeper in position. All other players must be outside the penalty area and be at least 5m behind the penalty mark.

Fouls and misconduct are:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Tackles an opponent from behind to gain possession of the ball
- Making contact with the opponent before touching the ball
- Holds an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately
- Plays in a dangerous manner
- Impedes the progress of a player

A document with the full Laws of Small Sided Football can be downloaded from the “Documents” section of the Football Toowoomba Referees website (www.toowoomba.ausref.com) or on the Football Federation Australia Optus Small-Sided Football website (www.smallsidedfootball.com.au)