

U10/11 In-house Festival - Rules & Regulations

Mini football rules apply as per NZF guidelines -

MINI FOOTBALL (10-11 YEARS)

FOOTBALL RULES



PITCH SIZE  Optimal: 50m x 30m Range: 45m x 30m - 55m x 35m	PENALTY AREA  20m x 8m	GOAL SIZE  4m x 2m
RETREATING LINE  30% of the field from the goalline	OFFSIDES  Yes - retreating line	NO PENALTIES 
RESTART FROM SIDELINE  Throw in	KICK OFF  Pass from halfway - opposition 5m away	DISCIPLINARY  No cards - educate on player behaviour

GAME FORMAT 	GOALKEEPER  Yes	GAME TIME  2 x 20 - 25 minute halves or games
BALL SIZE 	TABLES & RESULTS  Results recorded for grading purposes only, no table keeping	SUBSTITUTIONS  2-3 rolling subs
GOAL KICKS  Yes - Retreating line in action	FREE KICKS  Direct or indirect - Opposition 5m away	CORNERS  Yes
POSITIVE COACHING  Encourage players positively Let the players PLAY	FAIR PLAY  3 cheers and shake hands after games	EQUIPMENT  Boots & shinpads

Rolling subs are allowed without permission of the referee – provided that;

- i) the player leaves the field completely before the substitute goes on
- ii) substitutions are made during a break in play
- iii) players always enter and leave from near the half-way line

Throw-ins are to be an honest attempt, taking into account the age. If a blatant foul throw (eg both feet in front of the sideline; not stationary for the throw; clearly jumping), it should be retaken (no reversal to opposing team).

Goal kicks are only to be taken by the goalkeeper, either from the ground or throw/roll the ball out from the goal.

Wearing of shin guards is compulsory.

Penalty kicks will not be given/used. In the case of an obvious foul inside of the box, a direct free kick will be given, taken from the closest spot at the edge of the box.

The hooter marks the start and end of play. If teams have not started by the start hooter, the game must still end with the end hooter.

One continuous period of play for 12 minutes.

At the end of play hooter, the referee will immediately bring play to a close, without waiting for the current period of possession to end by any team.

Referees should aim to keep the game moving as much as possible given the 12-minute match duration.

Restarts for goal kick - opposition team at the retreating line, until the ball has been played out by a player from the restarting side (not the goalie).

Offsides from the retreating line, but penalised by a free kick only if a clear/blatant offside (well ahead of the opposition player) and has a direct impact on that team scoring a goal.

Team supporters should congregate on the sideline, not at the goalline or around/behind the goal. No coaching from the goal/goalline area.

Above all - emphasis is on having fun, positive play and encouragement by coaches and parents. Referees are only young themselves, and are volunteering their own time to raise money for their own football trip. Any negative commentary, threats, verbal abuse or worse, by players, coaches

or parents, will not be tolerated, and if found to be a consistent theme, then that team will be removed from the festival draw and reported to the club.