



MINI FOOTY





(8 & 9 Years)

RULE CHANGES 2019 SEASON



Subject	Old Rules	New Rules
Classification of Groups by age	Players in the relevant age group to be under that age prior to 1st January	✓
Size of Field U9 Yrs. Only in exceptional circumstance	68 x 30 metres. For physically bigger teams U9 – 68 x 40m. But, both teams must agree otherwise regulation field to be used.	68M x 30M
No. of Players on Field	Maximum 8; Minimum 6. Teams must have equal playing numbers on the field (the referee can direct a player be replaced)	8
Coaches	As a guide coaches may be present on the field to assist their young players in the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All year for under 6's• The first half of the season for Under 7's	✗
Tackles	The game is of 4 tackles	6
Scrum	There are no scrums in Mini Footy	✓
No Finals	No finals are played. Competition points are not applied in these grades	✓
Periods of Play	3 x 10 minute periods	✓
Intervals	3 minutes between periods	2 minutes between periods
Minimum Playing Time per Player	Each player to play a minimum of one unbroken period of 10 minutes	Coaches must do their best to ensure all players get a minimum of 2/3 thirds of playing time per game.
Injury Time	No time off for injury	✓
Replacement	A player may only be replaced as a result of injury or after playing one full 10 minute 'period' of play	✓

Player Misconduct	Sin Bin is not applicable. The referee may direct that a player be replaced	✓
Play the Ball (P.t.B) Team not in possession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No markers allowed • Team not in position must retire 5 metres from the P.t.B. and, • Cannot advance unless the acting halfback runs or the ball has been passed and is in the hands of the first receiver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 defensive marker ✓
Passing from P.t.B	2 or more passes to retain possession	2 passes to retain possession
Passing within 20m of own Goal Line	One pass only. The acting half-back must pass the ball for the team to retain possession, or run and score (hard yards)	✗
Zero Tackle Count No count at first tackle if	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player fields a kick from (1) the start of play; (2) restart of play; (3) a penalty kick • A player (1) picks up the ball dropped by an opponent; (2) intercepts a pass; (3) gains possession after the ball has been deliberately touched by an opponent 	✗
Starts of Play Commencement of each period of play Restarts of Play After Points Scored Goal Line Drop-out 20 Metre Tap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The non-kicking side to retire 5 metres • The ball to travel 5 metres forward before either side touches the ball <p>In all following instances the non-kicking team is to retire 5 metres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-scoring team to restart play with a place-tap kick from the centre of half way • Ball made dead by defending team. Ball must travel 5 metres forward • Ball made dead by opposition. Restart with a tap kick at the centre of the 20 metre line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Team who wins the toss taps the ball from half way on the first and third periods. Opposition will tap off in the 2nd period. • Tap Re-start at halfway for the non-scoring team. • No general play kicking or drop kicking, which removes goal line drop out and 20m tap.
Ball into Touch – From Starts & Restarts	When the ball is required to travel 5 metres forward and it lands in the field of play and then enters touch, the kicking side will P.t.B 10 metres in field opposite where the ball entered touch, with a zero tackle	✗
Try	All tries scored are worth 4 points	✓
Goal Kicks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only after a try has been scored • Place or drop kick in front of goal posts • Goal kicks to be taken in rotation by all members of the team 	✓

Change of Possession Occurs after –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4th tackle knock-on or forward pass • Acting half-back or 1st receiver runs with the ball and is tackled before scoring (refer Passing within 20 metres of own Goal Line – ‘hard yards’) • Player in possession runs into or is tackled into touch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 6th tackle 
Kicking In general play	Is not allowed	
Held up in Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play is restarted by the player in possession. P.t.B. 5 metres out from the goal line and opposite where held up 	
Held up in Goal Cont'd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a player in possession is held up on the 4th tackle, the opposition will P.t.B. 5 metres out and the tackle count is zero 	
Stripping of the Ball	No stripping or stealing of the ball in a tackle	