

# WOSC Mini Rec Rules Summary

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**U8**

**U9**

**U10**

**U11**

**All game rules will follow the FIFA Laws of the Game AND the Ontario Soccer Small Sided Laws of the Game.**

**The following is a summary of the Ontario Soccer Small Sided Laws of the Game including a few club exceptions.**

<b>Long-Term Player Development</b>				
Standings & Scores Kept	No	No	No	No

<b>Match-Play Details</b>				
Referee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Game Field Size	1/2 Mini Field	Mini Field	Mini Field	Mini Field
Game Duration	2 x 25 minute halves	2 x 25 minute halves	2 x 25 minute halves	2 x 35 minute halves
Players on field during Game	4 + Goalkeeper	6 + Goalkeeper	6 + Goalkeeper	6 + Goalkeeper
Minimum Number of Players on Field	5	5	5	5
Player sharing (if a team is below Min #) [see Note 1]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maximum time for referee to wait for teams to produce the combined minimum to play	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes
Type of Goal	2 Six Foot Puggs Side by Side	Fixed Mini Posts	Fixed Mini Posts	Fixed Mini Posts
Coach on-field [see Note 2]	games 1-3	games 1-3	No	No
Coach beside net	No	No	No	No
Team/Spectator Location [see Note 3]	<b>Teams:</b> Both teams will be on the same side of the field. <b>Spectators:</b> Opposite side of the field from the team benches.			
Game Sheets [see Note 4]	Yes (2 copies to referee)	Yes (2 copies to referee)	Yes (2 copies to referee)	Yes (2 copies to referee)

<b>Modified Rules</b>				
Restarts (Kick-in, Throw-in) [see Note 5]	Kick-In OR Dribble-In	Kick-In OR Dribble-In	Kick-In OR Dribble-In	Throw-in
Penalty Kick [see Note 6]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Retreat Line [see Note 7]	Yes; Halfway Line	Yes; Edge of Centre Circle	Yes; Edge of Centre Circle	Yes; Edge of Centre Circle
Offside called [see Note 8]	No	No	No	Yes
Slide Tackling [see Note 9]	No	No	No	No
High Scoring Game Rule [see Note 10]	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## Key Information for All Mini Recreation Age Groups

- \* All players must be registered with the West Ottawa Soccer Club Mini Recreation League.
- \* The purpose of Mini Recreational Soccer is to allow the players to make decisions, express themselves AND to keep the game flowing.
- \* Coaches are to provide verbal support to players during games. Coach the players while they are off the field or at practice.
- \* No scores are recorded or standings kept. Games are not re-scheduled so teams should share players or shrink the field size if needed.
- \* Only the referee can abandon a game due to severe weather or unusual conditions. Always go to the field for your scheduled games.

## Notes:

### 1. Player Sharing:

If a team is unable to supply the **Minimum Number of Players** (see above) for the game to be played, the opposing team WILL share players to ensure that the game can be played.

### 2. Coaches on-field - U8 & U9 Only:

Coaches are allowed on the field from weeks 1-3 to provide additional assistance to their team.

After week 3, please respect that the players require opportunity to discover "their game" and coach presence on the field becomes a major distraction/barrier to that individual success/creativity.

### 3. Team / Spectator Location:

Both team benches are to be on the same side of the field as chosen by the home coach.

All spectators are to be on the opposite side of the field from the team benches.

Additionally, spectators are not permitted anywhere along the goal line.

### 4. Game Sheets:

All players must be listed on the Game Sheet.

Each team must provide two game sheets to the Referee before the game.

Upon game completion the referee and both coaches will sign all Game Sheets.

The Home Coach will enter the score in to the Power Up Coach System.

The Referee will:

- return one signed game sheet to the home coach and one to the away coach.
- keep one game sheet as proof for payment and to resolve any future discrepancies.
- enter the score in to RefCentre.
- return the game sheet to the WOSC office; via fax at 831-1730; in person; or scan and email it to the Head Referee.

### 5. Restarts:

**U8-10 : Pass-In OR Dribble-In:** Ball is placed on the touchline and kicked or dribbled back into the field of play.

A Pass-In or Dribble-In that is taken incorrectly is re-taken.

**U11 : Throw-in:** Ball is thrown in with 2-hands, starting from behind the head with both feet on the ground.

**NEW:** If the Throw-in is taken incorrectly, the Throw-in is re-taken by a player of the OPPOSING team.

## **6. Penalty Kick:**

The penalty kick shall be taken from the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the centre of the goal.

When the penalty kick is being taken, all players shall be at least 5 meters from the ball and must stand behind the ball.

**U8 Distance = 5 yards (4.6 meters) ; U9-11 Distance = 10 yards (9.1 meters).**

## **7. Retreat Line:**

For Goal Kicks **ONLY**, attacking players are to move quickly back to the Retreat Line.

The attacking players may cross the Retreat Line once the ball has been kicked AND:

- is touched by a player on the defending team, OR
- crosses the Retreat Line, OR
- the ball stops moving.

For U8, attacking players are to retreat to the Halfway Line.

For U9-U11, attacking players are to retreat to the attacking edge of the Centre-Circle.

## **8. Offside:**

Only obvious offsides should be called early in the season to keep the game moving.

A player being in an Offside Position refers to when ball is kicked, not when it is touched. Therefore, it is not an offence for a player to be standing in an Offside Position.

If the attacking player is behind the 2nd last defender (usually 1 defender and the goalkeeper) when the ball is played forward and the attacking player then touches the ball, they will be called Offside.

## **9. Slide Tackling:**

There is no slide tackling in Mini Soccer due to safety concerns.

If player A is dribbling, and player B wants to win possession of the ball and slides towards the player, that is considered a slide tackle and the play will be stopped by the Referee.

Players are permitted to leave their feet to play the ball if they are in possession of the ball. For example to keep a ball in play, taking a shot or loss of balance.

Coaches are responsible ensuring their players understand the limitations of "Slide Tackling".

## **10. High Scoring Game Rule**

**U8:** A team behind by 4 goals CAN remove one Pugg net until the score returns to a 3 goal differential.

**U9-11:** A team ahead by 4 goals MUST remove one player from the field until the score returns to a 3 goal differential.

An additional player will be removed by the team ahead if the differential becomes 5 goals.

A maximum of 2 players will be removed.



