

MINI SOCCER RULES AND GUIDANCE

1. Number of players per team, including Goalkeeper

Under 10 / 9	6 v 6 or 7 v 7
Under 8 / 7	4 v 4, 5 v 5, 6 v 6 or 7 v 7

Where appropriate facilities are available, The FA would encourage leagues and competitions to use the smaller number of players in the lower age groups.

2. Mini Soccer Formats

	League	League Cup KO Competition	1 day KO Tournament	County Cup	Fun Festival
U8	X	X	X	X	√
U7	X	X	X	X	√

Ages of players are determined by their age at midnight 31 August / 1 September

Under 7's and Under 8's are not permitted to play in leagues where results are collected or published, or winners' trophies are presented. This is deemed to be detrimental to the development of the game and Leagues will not be sanctioned.

Leagues and/or clubs which disregard this directive may have their affiliation withdrawn. In respect of clubs, this will mean all teams within a club will not be affiliated. (Charter Standard Clubs will automatically lose their award.)

3. Guidance on Goalpost and pitch sizes

	Under 7 – U8	U9 – U10
Suggested pitch size	50 yds x 30 yds	60 yds x 40 yds
Suggested Goal Size	6 ft x 12 ft	6 ft x 12 ft
Pitch Length – Max	50 yds (45.75m)	60yds (54.9m)
Pitch Length - Min	30 yds (27.45m)	50 yds (45.75m)
Pitch Width – Max	30 yds (27.45m)	40 yds (36.6m)
Pitch Width - Min	20 yds (18.3m)	30 yds (27.45m)

4. Ball sizes

- Under 7s and Under 8's – Size 3 football
- Under 9s and Under 10s - Size 4 football