

MINI Games 08

Girls Football - Rules of Competition

Ethos

Fun Competition. The emphasis of the MINI games is competing for your borough in a fun / relaxed atmosphere. Where winning is the aim but not the 'be all and end all' but playing the game fairly to the best of your ability is priority.

The Mini's provide a great opportunity for Sport Leaders and Young Officials to gain valuable experience of running and officiating competitions in a controlled supportive atmosphere.

The Mini Games is a school-based competition; club teams are not eligible to participate.

Age Group

The young people taking part in this competition should be in School Years 5 & 6

Squad

The number of young people in a squad to take part in the competition should be no more than 10

This is a girls only competition. There should be 7 people in a team on the field of play.

Rules

It should be recognised that due to the multi-sport nature of the event the best/perfect facilities may not always be available. The host will do the best they can to accommodate sports with the facilities available, however, please understand there may need to be compromise to get the best overall atmosphere on one venue. This may mean that some sports may have slight changes or adaptations. E.g. Basketball outdoors rather than indoor.

The Games will be played to the normal rules of Mini Soccer as laid out by the FA in their Mini Soccer Handbook (pages 12 to 24)

http://www.greatersport.co.uk/private/files/mini_soccer_handbook2.pdf. some points to note from these rules are:

Substitutes

Any number of substitutes from the squad, without being named, may be used at any time with the permission of the referee or game leader. Entry into the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A player who has been replaced may return to the playing area as a substitute for another player.

Ball

Size 4

Shin Guards

Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip. Shin guards must be covered entirely by the stockings.

Offside

There is no offside.

Free Kicks

In Mini-Soccer all free kicks are direct. For all free kicks opponents must be 4.5m (5 yards) from the ball

Throw in

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

Goal Kick

A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area. Opponents must remain outside the penalty area and at least 4.5m (5 yards) from where the kick is taken until the ball is in play.

Participant entry

A participant entry form should be completed and handed to your borough contact before the event. This form can be obtained from your borough contact or downloaded from www.greatersport.co.uk/whats-on/gm-mini-games

The photographic consent form should be completed by or on behalf of the young people taking part and handed to your borough contact before the event. This form can be obtained from your borough contact or downloaded from www.greatersport.co.uk

Fair Play

A fair play trophy will be awarded to the team (including the teacher/coach) that has participated in the competition with the spirit of fair play.

Review

These competition guidelines will be reviewed on annual basis in March and changes will be implemented in the following year e.g. review March 08 – changes implemented for 09 MINI competitions.