

SPECIAL RULES – BALL SIZES, GOAL KICKS, CORNER KICKS AND FIELD MARKINGS

26. FOOTBALL SIZES

- A. Each team shall provide one match ball properly inflated, the size of which is prescribed in Clause B below. Failure to comply with this rule shall be as defined by the E.C. as per By-Laws.
- B. The football sizes used by the divisions shall be:
- (a) Up to Under 9 and inclusive, circumference with a minimum 560 mm and maximum 610 mm known as size 3.
 - (b) Under 10 to Under 13 inclusive, circumference with a minimum 635 mm and maximum 660 mm known as size 4.
 - (c) All others, circumference with a minimum 685 mm and maximum 711 mm known as size 5.

27. GOAL KICKS, CORNER KICKS AND FIELD MARKINGS – UNDER 12 & UNDER 13

A. Corner Kicks (Short Corners)

For Under 12 & Under 13 age groups the kick will be taken 7.3 metres out from the outer edge of the penalty area with the normal corner kick conditions applying.

Note: Opponents must remain at least 9.15m (10 yards) from the ball until the ball is in play.

B. Goal Kicks

For Under 12 & Under 13 age groups, goal kicks shall be taken as follows:

- (a) Once a goal kick has been awarded, players from the opposing team must retreat 25 metres from the defending team's goal line. (Approximately 10m outside the penalty area)
- (b) Goalkeepers must take their own goal kicks.
- (c) From the goal kick, the ball must be played by another player of the defending team outside the penalty area, but not more than 25 metres from the defending team's goal line. Only when the ball has been touched by the defending player may player's from the opposing team come within 25 metres of the defending team's goal line ("the 25 metre area")

- (d) If at the time the goal kick is taken, opposing players are within the 25 metre area but:
 - (i) Are retreating; and
 - (ii) Are more than 10 metres from the defending team player receiving the ball from the Goalkeeper, play shall continue.
- (e) Subject to clause (d), if a goal kick is not taken in accordance with this rule then the kick shall be retaken.
- (f) Agility poles shall be placed 25 metres from the goal line on each side of the field to assist the referee.

C. **Free Kicks by Defending Team**

For Under 12 & Under 13 age groups, free kicks awarded to the defending team within their own penalty area shall be taken in the same manner as are goal kicks (specified above).

i.e. Substitute the word 'free kick' wherever the word 'goal kick' appears.

D. **Field Markings**

A distinct mark shall be made on the goal lines 7.3 metres from the outer edge of the penalty area to indicate the point from which corner kicks will be taken. ("Short Corners") for Under 12 & Under 13 age groups.

28. TECHNICAL AREA – ALL COMPETITION GAMES

- A. Clubs responsible for marking fields for competition games, Under 12 and older, shall clearly mark a Technical Area ON ONE SIDE OF THE FIELD ONLY to define the area where a Coach or Manager is permitted to coach or otherwise direct his/her team.
- B. The Technical Area shall be positioned one (1) metre from the sideline and extend ten (10) metres on both sides of the halfway line.
- C. The consumption of alcohol in the technical area is strictly prohibited.