

## Under 8'S Game Info

(Coaches not to be on field)

Players per team: **7** max (or even)    Game Duration: **2 x 20 mins**    Ball size: **3**

### Goalkeeper:

- ☞ **must wear headgear**
- ☞ Is allowed to pick up ball inside own Penalty area
- ☞ Must **throw or place-kick ball** (no kicking out of hands) within 6 seconds
- ☞ All **opposition players to be back behind retreat line** – cannot move towards ball until **touched by defending team** (encouraging passing between defenders)
- ☞ Ball is in play once it goes outside Penalty area and is touched by defender

### Start of play & restart after goal:

- ☞ pass forward to a team mate from middle of halfway line
- ☞ all opposition players must be 5 metres away and in their own half
- ☞ ball must touch team-mate before goal can be scored
- ☞ each player can score a maximum of three (3) goals (encourages FAIR PLAY)

### Ball crosses touchline:

- ☞ **throw-in** (2<sup>nd</sup> chance if not thrown-in correctly)
- ☞ thrower cannot touch ball until it has been touched by another player
- ☞ opposition players must be 5 metres away
- ☞ ball must touch team-mate before goal can be scored

### Ball crosses goal line (outside goal) after last touching attacker:

- ☞ **goal kick** – anywhere inside Goal Area
- ☞ ball must be kicked directly out of Penalty area
- ☞ Ball is in play once it goes outside Penalty area and is touched by defender
- ☞ All **opposition players to be back behind retreat line** – cannot move towards ball until **touched by defending team** (encouraging passing between defenders)
- ☞ ball must touch team-mate before goal can be scored

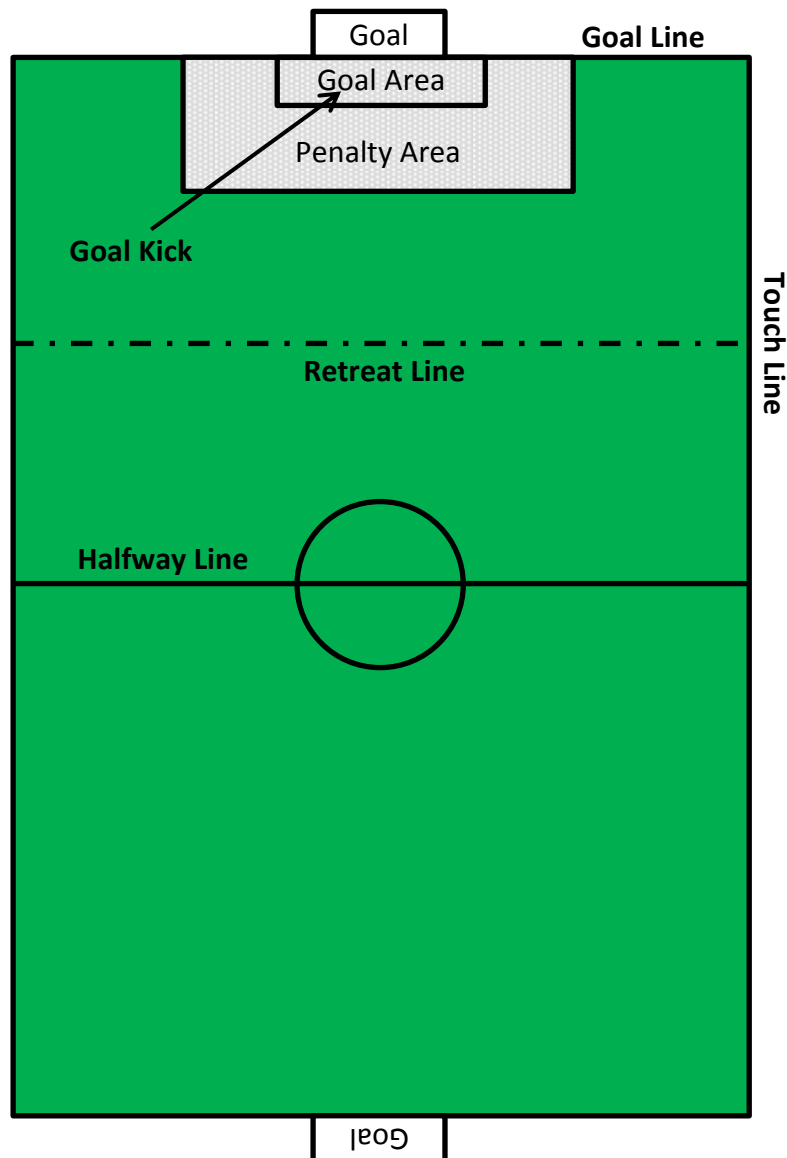
## Ball crosses goal line (outside goal) after last touching defender:

### ☞ corner kick

- ☞ must be kicked or passed directly into play (cannot touch ball consecutively)
- ☞ opposition players to be at least 5 metres away

## Offside:

- ☞ there is no offside in general play, but **FAIR PLAY** rules apply



**Remember:** Your team's game must start and finish within the allotted time slot. If you are late, the game time may have to be reduced to finish on time!!

## Advice to Game Leader:

- ☞ keep the game moving and limit stoppages by assisting players with restarts
- ☞ encourage all children to have fun and rotate restarts between players
- ☞ discourage players from permanently standing in front of goal
- ☞ ensure all opposing players are back the required distance for restarts