

Mini (U7) and Non-Premiership Juniors (U8 and U9)

Competition Format – under 7 to under 9 for 2008

Teams will play 18 rounds on a home and away basis. The final round of competition (round 18) will be a presentation round, with all games in each division played at a single venue to enable CDSFA divisional medals to be presented.

In 2008, the season starts on Saturday 5 April and should conclude on 16 August.

If wet weather or any other event causes a particular round or part of a round to be abandoned, then that round of matches affected will be declared void and will not be rescheduled. However, in the unlikely event that an entire round across all ages is “washed out”, the whole round **may** be put back by a week as the competitive games have to be played.

No regular Association matches are to be scheduled for the June long weekend or the middle weekend of the July public school holidays, though games **will** be played through the April School holidays.

Match sheets (Official team sheets) are required to be completed and returned to the Association via the Club recorder for **all** competition matches. This is an insurance requirement.

Under 7 to under 9 teams should all use a size 3 ball.

Duration of matches

Under 7 play 2 equal periods of 15 minutes

Under 8 play 2 equal periods of 20 minutes

Under 9 play 2 equal periods of 25 minutes

Make-up of teams

Under 7 teams shall consist of 7 players (6 field players and a goalkeeper) plus up to 4 interchange players.

Under 8 & 9 teams shall consist of 9 players (8 field players and a goalkeeper) plus up to 5 interchange players. For fairness to all players, this Club recommends a maximum of **3** reserves, **and believes in equal field time for each team member playing that day.**

Teams in the under 7s must field at least **4** of that team’s **registered players** at the commencement of the match and at all times during the match.

Teams in age groups under 8 to under 9 must field at least **6** of that team’s **registered players** at the commencement of the match and at all times during the match.

Home team

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the **first team** mentioned in the draw shall be deemed to be the home team, and is responsible for providing the match sheet, regardless of where the match is being played.

NB The rules shown overleaf are taken from the CDSFA Rules of Association 2008, Revision 04, Section 1.19, so should be followed by all teams in the Association.

CDSFA Mini and Non-Premiership Junior Rules

1. Under 7s shall play on mini fields, while Under 8s and 9s are to play on half fields.
2. Only coaches in U7 are allowed on the field of play. When on the field coaches may not interfere with the play.
3. Players may be interchanged at any time. Play need not have been stopped for an interchange to take place. The referee need not be advised when an interchange is taking place, however a player must leave the field before his/her interchange player can take the field.
4. No coaching will be allowed from the sideline, except by the team's registered coach, and then only if encouragement and information is given in a restrained manner.
5. There is no off side play - however players must be in their own half at kick-off.
6. Coaches should not deliberately place players in an off side position and especially not place players near the opposition goalkeeper in an off side position.
7. All free kicks are to be indirect. A goal cannot therefore be scored directly from a free kick, unless it is touched by a player (of either team) other than the kicker before it goes through the goal posts.
8. At free kicks all opposing players must be at least 6 metres from the ball.
9. There are no penalty kicks, and any free kicks for either side given within the penalty area shall be taken from a point on the edge of the penalty area closest to where the infringement took place.
10. Goal kicks can be taken from anywhere within the penalty area or from the line marking the penalty area.
11. Throw-ins are to be taken. However, a fowl throw will not mean an automatic turnover. Rather, the same thrower is to be shown the correct way and allowed to throw again. Re-throws shall be limited to one per team on each occasion the ball goes out, after with the opposing team will be awarded the throw in.
12. Opposition throwers are not to impede the thrower or throw.
13. Goalkeepers receiving the ball in the normal course of play may carry the ball to the edge of the penalty area before releasing it.
14. Corner kicks shall be taken from the corner of the field on the side the ball went out over the goal line.

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NB Please note that for season 2008, Leichhardt Saints are participating in small-sided games for their under 6 teams, as being introduced by Football Federation Australia. These games will be subject to a different format and modified set of rules to those above. They should make the game of football a better experience for the younger players, with more touches on the ball, more opportunities to make decisions and more actual play. This format will be slowly implemented for all teams up to and including under 12. For more information, please refer to the Small-Sided Games Handbook and Parent Information Guide on our website (www.leichhardtsaints.com).