



U6 & U7 Small Sided Football 2021 Information

Football Federation Australia Format

Games are to be played to the Football Federation Australia (FFA) format now called MiniRoos - previously known as Small Sided Football (SSF) and Small Sided Games (SSG). Both U6 and U7 continue to play games of 4 players versus 4 (no goalkeepers). Field size 30m long x 20m wide. Playing time 2 x 20 minutes. Ball size 3.

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Games will be played intra-club at King George Park on Saturday mornings (see draws below). All U6s will play at 9.00am and all U7s at 10.00am.

On match day each team will break into two groups to play 2 concurrent games against an opposing team. On completion of the first 20 minutes there will be a 5-minute break after which one team will swap fields (let's say the team listed first in the draw) and a second game against the other group of the opposing team is played to complete the 'match'.

Note: the two separate games are not in the MiniRoos guidelines, but we have found it a good way to even out the teams to start with. Coaches are requested to select two groups of approximately equal standard for these matches. From week-to-week different combinations of players should be used so that everyone gets to play with everyone else.

Teams will play in the full Leichhardt Saints strip with team-coloured bibs over. All players are required to wear shin pads and boots, no jewellery is permitted.

Game scores are generally not kept or recorded. However, it may be useful to record scores later in the season to help assess the relative strength of teams and to best manage player development.

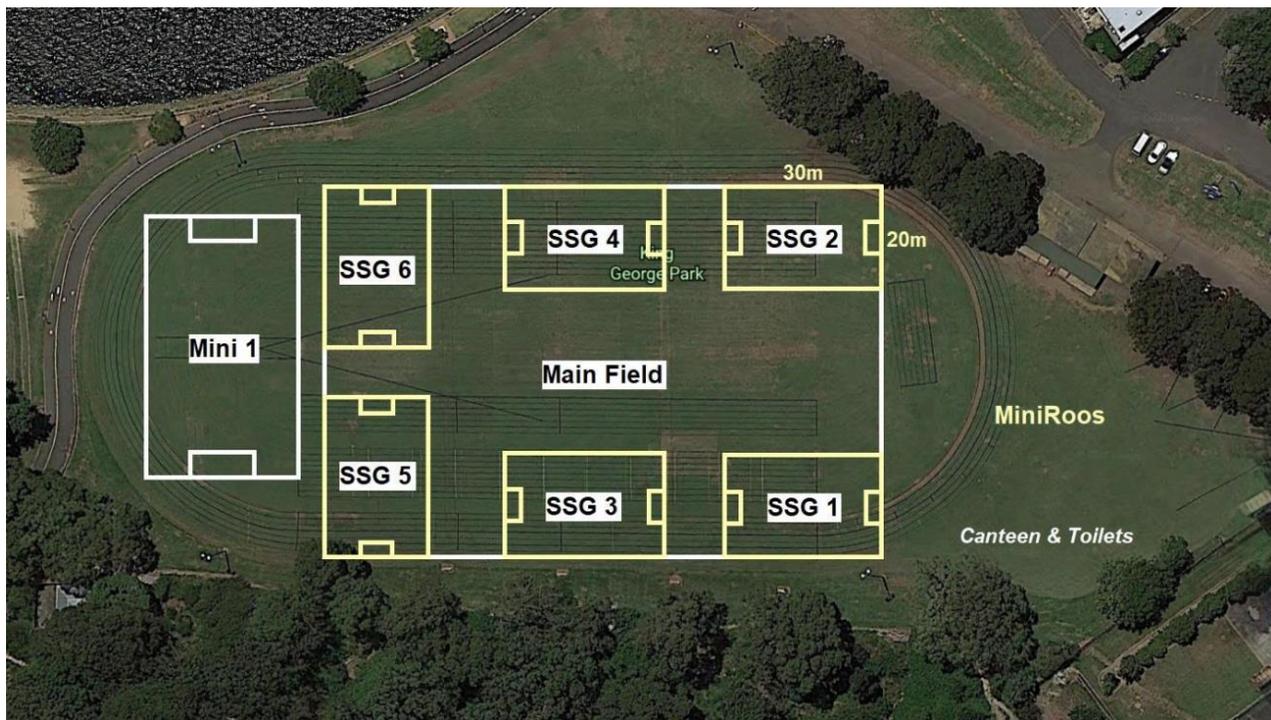
Field Setup

Fields are set up in pairs on the main field, refer to Field Map below for the King George Park layout. Field setup will consist of folding goals and plastic cones for side lines and goal lines (together with existing football and rugby league line marking). These items are stored in the Saints container near the canteen, but the Duty Officer will guide you with the setup/pack up process.



U6 teams will be responsible for setting up fields before 9.00am. Please arrive no later than 8:30am to ensure fields are set up and teams are organised and ready to kick off at 9:00am. The Duty Officer will have the goals and boxes of cones ready for you at the container to the right of the canteen. Please note: each box contains the cones for two fields, i.e. one box for field 1 & 2, one box for field 3 & 4 and one box for field 5 & 6.

U7 teams will be responsible for packing the fields up and taking equipment back to the container. Please do this promptly as sometimes Mini 2 and Mini 3 fields will need to be set up in the same area afterwards.



Rules and Guidelines

Canterbury & District Soccer Football Association (CDSFA) under which we play have adopted MiniRoos rules for age groups U6-U11. These rules are available on the [CDSFA website](#) under resources and can also be found together with other information at the [Miniroos website](#) Rules for U6 and U7 have not changed from last season. Below are just a few other notes and key points:

1. There are no coaches on the field. In fact, coaching should be kept to a minimum during games. The idea is to 'let the children play', find their own level, and express themselves and make their own decisions. Encouragement (of effort rather than success) is good, just no instructions while they are trying to play, same goes for parents and spectators so please let them know.

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2. 'Game Leader' (referee): The role of the Game Leader is to assist BOTH teams in keeping the game moving with minimal breaks. This applies in particular to all restarts in play where the opposition should be kept back (5m at sideline restarts and at halfway for goal line restarts) and a countdown such as "3-2-1-go" or "ready-set-go" applied as necessary.
3. Teams should NOT play more than the prescribed number of players (4) on the field as this makes the game more complicated and reduces the effectiveness of small sided football as a learning format. Where there are reserves all players in attendance should have approximately equal time on and off the field. Players may be interchanged at any time without stopping the game, however a player must leave the field before his/her interchange player can take the field. If teams are short it is fine to play 3 v 3 or 3 v 4.
4. Restarts: At goal line and sideline restarts players may pass OR dribble the ball into play which should be encouraged rather than a 'big kick'. In particular, the dribble restart gets the game going again faster. There are no corners, only goal line restarts by the defending team. At goal line restarts the opposition must retreat to halfway (tip: consistently refer to this as the 'starting position'), at sideline restarts the opposition must retreat 5 metres.
5. The game leader and coaches should encourage players to be 'in the play' and not stationed permanently near the goal in attack OR defence.
6. If there is a dominant player scoring a lot of goals the coach may challenge that player to assist a teammate to score before he/she can score again. Equal time off the field will also give the other players an opportunity.

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U6 2021 Season Draw

Date	Time	Fields 1 and 2	Fields 3 and 4	Fields 5 and 6
Saturday 17 April	9am	Magpies vs Lorikeets	Corellas vs Kookaburras	Parrots vs Emus
Saturday 24 April	9am	Magpies vs Corellas	Lorikeets vs Emus	Kookaburras vs Parrots
Saturday 1 May	9am	Lorikeets vs Kookaburras	Magpies vs Emus	Parrots vs Corellas
Saturday 8 May	9am	Emus vs Kookaburras	Lorikeets vs Corellas	Magpies vs Parrots
Saturday 15 May	9am	Parrots vs Lorikeets	Emus vs Corellas	Magpies vs Kookaburras
Saturday 22 May	9am	Magpies vs Lorikeets	Corellas vs Kookaburras	Parrots vs Emus
Saturday 29 May	9am	Magpies vs Corellas	Lorikeets vs Emus	Kookaburras vs Parrots
Saturday 5 June	9am	Lorikeets vs Kookaburras	Magpies vs Emus	Parrots vs Corellas
Saturday 12 June	N/A	PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND - NO GAMES		
Saturday 19 June	9am	Emus vs Kookaburras	Lorikeets vs Corellas	Magpies vs Parrots
Saturday 29 June	9am	Parrots vs Lorikeets	Emus vs Corellas	Magpies vs Kookaburras
Saturday 3 July	N/A	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - NO GAMES		
Saturday 10 July	9am	Magpies vs Lorikeets	Corellas vs Kookaburras	Parrots vs Emus
Saturday 17 July	9am	Magpies vs Corellas	Lorikeets vs Emus	Kookaburras vs Parrots
Saturday 24 July	9am	Lorikeets vs Kookaburras	Magpies vs Emus	Parrots vs Corellas
Saturday 31 July	9am	Emus vs Kookaburras	Lorikeets vs Corellas	Magpies vs Parrots
Saturday 7 August	9am	Parrots vs Lorikeets	Emus vs Corellas	Magpies vs Kookaburras
Saturday 14 August	9am	Magpies vs Lorikeets	Corellas vs Kookaburras	Parrots vs Emus
Saturday 21 August	9am	Magpies vs Corellas	Lorikeets vs Emus	Kookaburras vs Parrots

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U7 2021 Season Draw

Date	Time	Fields 1 and 2	Fields 3 and 4	Fields 5 and 6
Saturday 17 April	10am	Cicadas vs Dragonflies	Grasshoppers vs Wasps	Bumblebees vs Mantis
Saturday 24 April	10am	Cicadas vs Grasshoppers	Dragonflies vs Mantis	Wasps vs Bumblebees
Saturday 1 May	10am	Dragonflies vs Wasps	Cicadas vs Mantis	Bumblebees vs Grasshoppers
Saturday 8 May	10am	Mantis vs Wasps	Dragonflies vs Grasshoppers	Cicadas vs Bumblebees
Saturday 15 May	10am	Bumblebees vs Dragonflies	Mantis vs Grasshoppers	Cicadas vs Wasps
Saturday 22 May	10am	Cicadas vs Dragonflies	Grasshoppers vs Wasps	Bumblebees vs Mantis
Saturday 29 May	10am	Cicadas vs Grasshoppers	Dragonflies vs Mantis	Wasps vs Bumblebees
Saturday 5 June	10am	Dragonflies vs Wasps	Cicadas vs Mantis	Bumblebees vs Grasshoppers
Saturday 12 June	N/A	PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEEKEND - NO GAMES		
Saturday 19 June	10am	Mantis vs Wasps	Dragonflies vs Grasshoppers	Cicadas vs Bumblebees
Saturday 29 June	10am	Bumblebees vs Dragonflies	Mantis vs Grasshoppers	Cicadas vs Wasps
Saturday 3 July	N/A	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - NO GAMES		
Saturday 10 July	10am	Cicadas vs Dragonflies	Grasshoppers vs Wasps	Bumblebees vs Mantis
Saturday 17 July	10am	Cicadas vs Grasshoppers	Dragonflies vs Mantis	Wasps vs Bumblebees
Saturday 24 July	10am	Dragonflies vs Wasps	Cicadas vs Mantis	Bumblebees vs Grasshoppers
Saturday 31 July	10am	Mantis vs Wasps	Dragonflies vs Grasshoppers	Cicadas vs Bumblebees
Saturday 7 August	10am	Bumblebees vs Dragonflies	Mantis vs Grasshoppers	Cicadas vs Wasps
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