

YWJS Football Policy



The below policy is to outline how friendly Football matches are played during break and lunch times.

Squad Information

Minimum Squad Size:	5
Maximum Squad Size:	10

Year Groups

Whole School

Gender

There are no gender ratios

Ball

21.5cm Soft Ball. No leather balls.

Game Rules

Decisions of the Referee (Adult only):

- 1) The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final.
- 2) The referee may only change a decision on realising that it is incorrect or, at his/her discretion provided that play has not restarted.
- 3) Players are allowed to voice their opinion and discuss their point of view. However, if a player is becoming argumentative towards the referee and showing poor sportsmanship then they may be sent off for that game and miss the following match.
- 4) If players are unable to come to an agreement during a game of play, the referee will ask for a member from each team to come to the centre. They will play rock-paper-scissors and the winner will be the decider. This allows for the game to play on. If players are unable to do this, then they will be sent off and will not be allowed to continue with the game. This will be called the 'agree to disagree decider'. This will be done at the referee's discretion.

Number of Players:

- 1) The Football Association Laws for Mini-Soccer state that each match should be 7 a side. However, as a school we will play to a minimum of 5 a side.
- 2) Players must play with and against players only from their own age range during break times and lunch times and per the football timetable.
- 3) Any number of substitutes, without being named, may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. 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.
- 4) Teams should be chosen in fairness and mixed groupings. The referee has the overall say as to how the teams should look.

Start and Restart of Play Procedure:

- 1) A kick-off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored, opponents must be 4.5m (5 yards) away from the ball, and in their own half of the field.
- 2) The ball must be played forward.

Special Circumstances:

- 1) A dropped ball to restart the match after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area takes place on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at that point nearest to where the ball was located when the play stopped

The ball is out of play when:

- 1) It has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air.
- 2) Play has been stopped by the referee.
- 3) If the ball has gone across onto the field or into another games line of play, then the game will be paused and the ball is considered out of play. This will result in a throw in from the side lines.

Ball in Play:

- 1) The ball is in play at all other times, including when:
 - i) It rebounds from a goal or post, crossbar or corner flag post and remains in the field of play.
 - ii) It rebounds from either the referee or an assistant referee when they are on the field of play.

Goal Scored:

- 1) A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Laws of the Game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

Offside:

- 1) There is no offside.

Heading:

- 1) There is no heading of the football. FA guidelines state that no heading should take place with primary aged children. If the ball is accidentally headed, this is an automatic free kick to the other side. If the ball is accidentally headed in the penalty box, it will be a penalty to the other side.

Handball:

1. If there is a handball, a free kick is given to the other side. If the handball takes place inside the penalty box, a penalty is awarded to the other side.

Fouls and Misconduct

- 1) In Mini-Soccer all free kicks are direct.
- 2) Opponents must be 4.5m (5 yards) from the ball
- 3) A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following offences in a manner considered to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:
 - i) Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
 - ii) Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
 - iii) Jumps at an opponent
 - iv) Charges an opponent
 - v) Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
 - vi) Pushes an opponent
 - vii) Shoulder barges an opponent
- 4) A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following offences:
 - i) Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball

- ii) Holds an opponent
- iii) Spits at an opponent
- v) Handles the ball deliberately (except or the goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area)
- vi) Plays in a dangerous manner

Impedes the progress of an opponent

- vii) Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands

Penalty Kick:

- 1) A penalty kick is awarded if any of the above offences (up to the start of 'Fouls and Misconduct') is committed by a player inside his/her own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball, provided it is in play.
- 2) A free kick is awarded (from the penalty line) to the opposing team if the goalkeeper:
 - i) Takes more than 6 seconds to release the ball from his/her hands.
 - ii) Touches the ball again with his/her hands after it has been released from his/her possession and has not touched any other player.
 - iii) Touches the ball with his/her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a team mate.
Touches the ball with his/her hands after he/she has received it directly from a throw in taken by a team mate

Cautionable Offences:

- 1) A player is cautioned with a verbal warning if he/she commits any of the following seven offences (this is equal to being given a yellow card):-
 - i) Is guilty of unsporting behaviour
 - ii) Shows conflict by word or action
 - iii) Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
 - iv) Delays the restart of play
 - v) Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick
 - vi) Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission
 - vii) Deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission

Sending Off Offences:

- 1) A player is sent off and will miss the following match if he/she commits any of the following seven offences (this is equal to being given a red card):
 - i) serious foul play
 - ii) violent conduct
 - iii) Spits at an opponent or any other person
 - iv) Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity, by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area)
 - v) Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick
 - vi) Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
 - vii) Receives a second caution in the same match

The referee will progress through the school behaviour policy throughout football matches. If they believe that a child is behaving disrespectfully or not following the school rules, they will be issued with yellow and red slips in guidance with our behaviour policy.

Position of the Ball and the Players (Penalty Kicks):

- 1) All players except the goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least 4.5m (5yds) from the penalty mark.
- 2) The ball must be kicked forward.

Infringement/Sanctions:

- 1) In Mini-Soccer all free kicks are direct. If a player or players commit an offence at the taking of a penalty kick his/her team shall not be allowed to gain advantage (i.e. the kick is retaken or the goal is disallowed depending on which team offended)>
- 2) If a player of both the defending and the attacking team offend, the kicks shall be retaken.

Throw-in:

- 1) A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.
- 2) A throw-in is awarded:
 - i) When the whole of the ball passes over the touch line, either on the ground or in the air.
 - ii) From the point where it crossed the touch line
 - iii) To the opponents of the player who last touched the ball

Procedure at the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:

- 1) Faces the field of play
- 2) Has part of each foot either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touch line 3) Uses both hands
- 4) The throw-in is awarded to the opposing team, if any of these requirements are not carried out
- 5) Delivers the ball from behind and over their head
- 6) The thrower may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does, a free kick will be awarded against them. The ball is in play immediately when it enters the field of play.

Goal Kick:

- 1) A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area.
- 2) 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.

Corner Kicks:

- 1) The opposing players must remain at least 4.5 m (5yds) from the ball until it is in play.
- 2) The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does, a free kick is awarded against them.
- 3) The ball is in play immediately when it enters the field of play.

Any questions regarding this policy should be made to Miss Pound, PE Subject Lead.