



BRIDGEND PORT TALBOT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

UNDER 12 GUIDELINES

18. 9v9 FOOTBALL

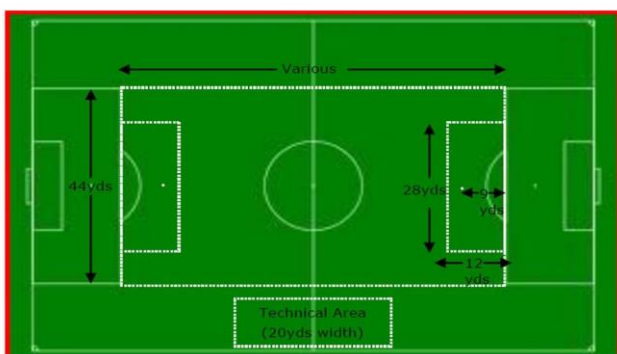
18.1 Team Size, Pitch Size and Ball Size

18.1.1 Must be implemented as below in the table:-

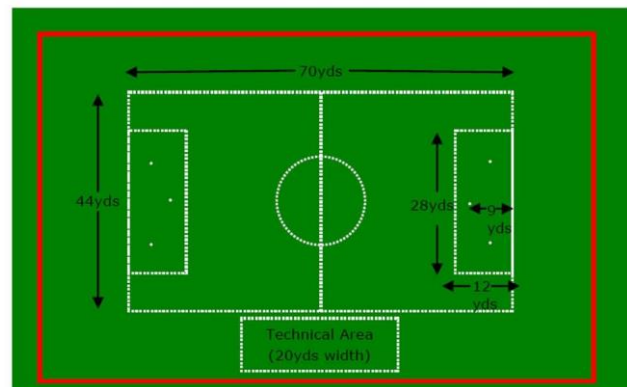
Age Group	Number of Players	Size of Pitch (length x width)	Size of Ball
Under 12	9v9	70x44 yards	4

18.1.2 An 11v11 pitch can be adapted for the 9v9 format, utilizing the width of the penalty area (44 yards) for the 9v9 pitch width and the distance from penalty box to penalty box for the 9v9 pitch length. See diagrams below for guidance:

9v9 pitch on a 11v11 pitch



Specific 9v9 pitch



18.2 Goal Size

The goal size is 16 foot (width) x 7 feet (height).

18.3 Penalty and Goal Areas

- 18.3.1 The Penalty area must be 28 yards wide and 12 yards from the goal line. A penalty spot should be marked 9 yards from the goal line.
- 18.3.2 A Goal Area is not necessary, but goal kicks are to be taken approximately 4 yards from the goal line. A painted marker 4 yards from each post is sufficient for guidance.
- 18.3.3 For dedicated 9v9 pitches a goal area can be marked out. This is to be 4 yards from the goal line and 4 yards from each goal post towards the corner.

18.4 Match Duration

- 18.4.1 A game must be a maximum of 70 minutes, split into two halves of 35 minutes. The duration of half time should not exceed 15 minutes.

18.5 Substitutes

- 18.5.1 Teams may play up to seven nominated substitutes, whose names, together with the nominated linesman, must be given in writing on the match card to the referee fifteen (15) Minutes prior to the game. **Failure to do so will not entitle the offending side(s) to have substitutes in this fixture.**
- 18.5.2 All players should have a period of play.

18.6 Kick off

- 18.6.1 Is taken in the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored.
- 18.6.2 The opposition must be a minimum of 7 yards away from where the ball is placed.

18.7 Ball In and Out of Play and the Method of Scoring

- 18.7.1 As per the 'FIFA Laws of the Game' - Law 9 (Ball in and out of play) and 10 (The method of scoring) apply to 9v9 Mini Football.

18.8 Off-Side

- 18.8.1 As per the 'FIFA Laws of the Game' - Law 11 'Off-Side' applies to 9v9 Mini Football.

18.9 Throw In

- 18.9.1 As per the 'FIFA Laws of the Game' - Law 15 'The Throw in' applies to 9v9 Mini Football.

18.10 Corner Kicks

- 18.10.1 As per the 'FIFA Laws of the Game' - Law 17 'The Corner Kick' applies to 9v9 Mini Football.

18.11 Free Kicks

- 18.11.1 As per the 'FIFA Laws of the Game' - Law 12 'Fouls and Misconduct' applies to 9v9 Mini Football.

18.12 Goalkeepers

- 18.12.1 Can handle the ball in their penalty area and there are no restrictions on the number of steps they may take holding the ball.
- 18.12.2 The Goalkeeper can leave the penalty area but cannot handle the ball outside the penalty area.
- 18.12.3 The Goalkeeper can throw or kick the ball out of their hands; the Goalkeeper can also kick the ball on the ground but can then be challenged by opponents.
- 18.12.4 Pass Back to Goalkeeper - Players **cannot** pass the ball to their own goalkeeper, for the goalkeeper to handle the ball.

18.13 Goal Kicks

18.13.1 All goal kicks must be taken from the ground (refer to 18.3.2 for location).

18.13.2 The ball must be kicked out of the penalty area before another player touches it.

18.14 Players in the Goal Area

18.14.1 There are no restrictions regarding the number of players allowed in the goal area during open play.

18.15 The Referee

18.15.1 Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the rules of 9v9 Mini Football and the FIFA 'Laws of the Game'.

For further info on the laws of the game please refer to the 'FIFA Laws of the Game document'.