



# Blacktown & Districts Soccer Football Association Incorporated

## MiniRoos Policy

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### 1. Purpose

The following policy and corresponding regulations were adopted by the BDSFA following recommendations from the BDSFA Aldi Mini-Roos Standing Committee (MSC). The long-term goal for the BDSFA Aldi Mini-Roos is to properly develop the competition to be able to:

- Provide consistency in playing conditions at all BDSFA clubs;
- Provide a footballing experience giving yearly progressions;
- Play on the 11v11 sized field by under 11's, giving a full year of development on the full-sized field before entering state competitions;
- Educate individuals that losing isn't the end of the world;
- Provide opportunity for hard work to be rewarded;
- Provide opportunity for players of all abilities to learn under the same conditions;
- Provide opportunity for players to fill the voided positions created by SAP with an easy transition; and
- Flow the high level of football into the under 12 age group and beyond.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all BDSFA Spectators, Members, Employees and Volunteers.

### 3. General

#### Number of Players

The number of players ensure the modified versions of the game create opportunity for all players to have the best chance of development. The maximum number of reserves per team is capped at three to aid players having ample game time.

#### Field of Play

The three modified formats produce enough progression for the individual player to achieve enjoyment, development and involvement dependant on the individuals age. Clubs should ensure the field sizes remain consistent for the relevant age groups. Painted line markings should always be used (including penalty areas, halfway lines and corner arcs for the relevant format) to replicate full sized 11 v 11 football.

#### Goals

Goals should always be **rectangular in shape** and consistent with the regulations for the relevant age group. Consistency is key. Goals should be properly secured to the ground as per the regulations.



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### **Duration of Matches**

The duration of matches is based upon the FFA playing formats. The under 5 & 6 age groups are capped at 15-minute halves.

### **Penalty Area**

The penalty areas provide progression to goalkeepers to play off their line as they grow older.

### **Offside**

The offside rule will be enforced in the U10's and U11's. This is to ensure progression and proper learning before the players enter full sized football. Players standing in a blatant offside position should be encouraged not to do so in the under 8 & 9 age groups.

### **Ball in and out of play**

The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or the touch line on the ground or in the air, or when play has been stopped by the referee.

### **Kick off and Re-start after a goal**

Pass to a teammate from the middle of the halfway line. All players must be in their own half of the field of play. Opponents must be 5m away in their own half. The big boot should always be discouraged.

### **Goal Kick or Goalkeeper save**

Re-starting from a goal kick or goalkeeper save situation provides an opportunity to work the ball up the field by using the passing and receiving skill. The opposition is to retreat giving time for the ball receivers to play without pressure enabling them to refine their skill.

### **Throw In**

Foul throws should be discouraged in the under 8's and will be penalised by awarding the opposition the throw in from under 9's. This is to ensure that when entering full sized football, these elementary mistakes are removed from the game.

### **Corner Kicks**

Except for players retreating only 5m in the modified versions, corner kicks are to be taken as per the FIFA rules. There are no corner kicks in the 5-7 age groups.

### **Method of scoring**

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar.



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### Competitions

Under 5 & 6 competitions are based on fun, involvement and creating a love for the game. The development leagues are named to do just that, develop players while playing at their most appropriate level. Leagues will be based on 10 team (home and away season) formats with the option of regrading teams who based on their results should move into a different division.

### The Under 11 Age Group

It is recommended that players whom are capable of skipping the under 11 age group do so in 2020. The players will develop more by playing within the 11v11 format. The BDSFA will offer an under 11 competition in 2020 but is aimed only for the players who really need another year of development in the modified format. It is highly recommended that any player who played under 10 Development 1, 2 and/or 3 in 2019 play under 12's in 2020.

### Interchange

Players may be interchanged at the halfway line during a stoppage of play. Common sense to be used in the U5-7 age groups.

### Coaches on the Field

***Coaches are not permitted on the field unless the referee calls them on. Coaches should remain in the one position throughout the game, so the players can identify instruction from the one location.***

## 4. Game Leader, Instructing Referees, Referees

The BCRB will provide referees for as many matches as possible. In the case of no referee being allocated any capable person can referee the match. Anyone who referees the match is entitled to payment and those who do not collect their payments will forfeit them to the host club.

### Fouls and misconduct

Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball when the indirect free kick is taken. (An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal).

Most acts of handball or fouls and misconduct at the U5-7 level are caused by a lack of coordination, with no intent. In this case try and give the advantage to the attacking team and continue play.

If a deliberate or serious act of handball, foul or misconduct has occurred, the coach should explain to the child they have done the wrong thing and that they should not do this again. If a very serious act of misconduct has occurred the referee should caution or send off the offending player, informing the coach of their decision and



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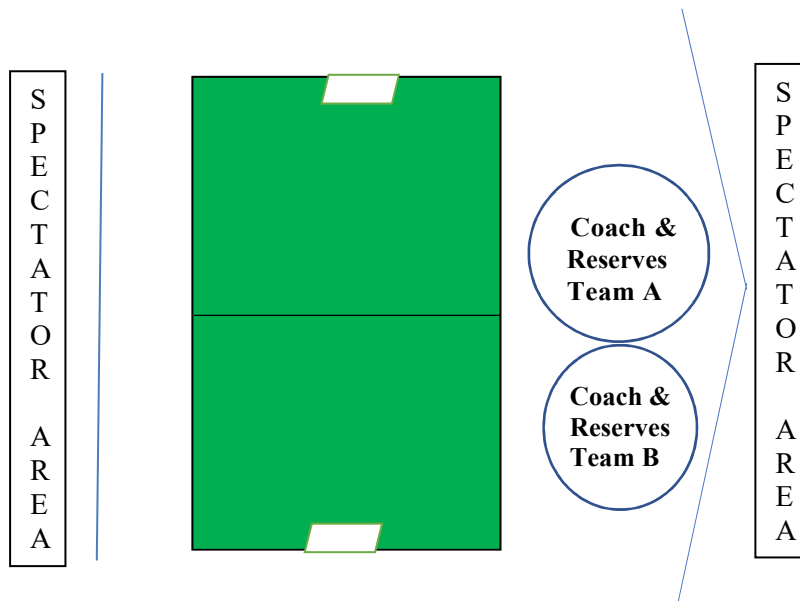
reasons for disciplining the player, and produce a report to the BDSFA to be managed under the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

### Point's tables and finals

To ensure that BDSFA ALDI MiniRoos is played in the correct spirit and give all players the best possible chance to develop, all scores must be recorded on the electronic team sheet.

## 5. Spectators

Spectators should remain behind a fence away from the match. If there is no fence at that field a 3m distance from the sideline should be adhered to and set out like the following diagram (note the pointed line) to ensure everyone has a good viewing position and differentiates the coach's position. Ideally the coach and reserves should be on the opposite side of the field to the spectators. Spectators should stand on the sidelines only and nowhere near the goals. Spectators should not coach, but encouragement is applauded.



## 6. Regulations

Regulations for Mini-Roos 5 – 11 are set out in the following Appendix 1 to 5 set out below. Appendix A: Mini-Roos Regulation Under 5 – 7  
Appendix B: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 8



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Appendix C: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 9

Appendix D: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 10

Appendix E: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 11

Appendix F: Mini-Roos Regulations Under 9 Girls