

Cork Schoolboys League

Small Sided Games

Age Groups

U.7, U.8 and U.9 will be 7 a side non competitive leagues.

U.10 will be a 9 a side non competitive league.

Panel Sizes

7 a side – 10 players

9 a side – 13 players

Managers must not have more than the above numbers per panel for any one game.

Length of Games - U.7, U.8 and U.9

4 x 10 minute periods

After 10 minutes 1 minute break for substitutions (all 3 subs go on)

After 20 minutes – half time of 5 minutes which will also incorporate substitutions (all 3 subs go on).

After 30 minutes 1 minute break for substitutions (all 3 subs go on)

Length of Games - U.10

4 x 12.5 minute periods

After 12.5 minutes 1 minute break for substitutions (all 4 subs go on)

After 25 minutes – half time of 5 minutes which will also incorporate substitutions (all 4 subs go on).

After 37.5 minutes 1 minute break for substitutions (all 4 subs go on)

Fixtures

A Master fixture list will be issued to each club. This will be the only fixture list issued. Weekly fixtures will not appear on the Star. Fixtures may be changed by agreement between clubs without the consent of the league.

Referees

The home team will supply the referees for all games. Referees must be at least 16 years of age.

Registration of Players

Clubs will not have to register players. All managers are entrusted to ensure that no overage players are used.

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Results

While all our leagues are non competitive, all home teams will have to send in the match results each weekend. No results will be published or made available to anyone in any way, but the league will keep a record of all the results so that in the following season we will have concrete means of allocating teams to different leagues.

Equipment Needed by Each Club

Goals 6 Feet high, 16 feet wide, must have nets on goals. Goals must be fastened to the ground.

Balls – size 3 for U.7 and U.8, size 4 for U.9 and U.10

Referee with whistle! Flat cones (marking pitch)

Taller cones (to mark offside lines in U.10 games)

Corner flags, Water, First Aid Kit, Bibs.

Pitch Sizes

For 7 a side 70 yards long by 50 yards wide (64 metres by 45 metres) if clubs can mark out dedicated 7 a side pitches. Otherwise half of a full size playing pitch across. However if there are permanently fixed goals on the pitch clubs must bring in the sideline (by using flat cones) parallel to the 6 yard box.

For 9 a side the pitch will be from penalty box to penalty box. In the 9 a side game taller cones must be used on each side of the pitch to divide the pitch into three even sections to accommodate the offside rule which will be introduced in U.10 games. Every pitch must have a centre spot marked and a penalty spot (10 yards out) marked.

Code of Conduct and Adult Attitudes

- players and team managers must not question the referees decision
- when a free kick is awarded, the defending team must observe the compulsory 6 yard rule immediately
- players must not attempt to steal ground when taking kick ins, throw ins or free kicks
- no coaching from the touchline during the actual play
- team mates and adults in charge should give positive encouragement to players who make mistakes
- players, managers and match officials should shake hands before and after each game.

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- everyone, children and adults, should do their best to produce an exciting and enjoyable game
- all adults in attendance must show by example that they are more concerned with the well being of the child and the good of the game, than with satisfying their need for reflected glory
- players should be encouraged to display creative skill and discouraged from trying to win through primitive or violent means

Rules U.7 and U.8

- no direct free kicks except for a penalty
- for free kicks, kick ins etc, the opposition must be 6 yards from the ball
- goal kicks can be taken from the goalkeepers hands, or can be thrown out, in both cases from around the penalty spot
- kick ins or throw ins can be used from the sideline, a player cannot score directly from a sideline kick in
- corners can be taken 10 yards in from the corner flag
- no offside rule
- size 3 ball must be used
- panel of 10 players only

Rules U.9

- indirect and direct free kicks are allowed
- for free kicks, kick ins etc, the opposition must be 6 yards from the ball
- goal kicks must be taken off the ground
- throw ins only from the sideline
- corners can be taken 10 yards in from the corner flag
- no offside rule
- size 4 ball must be used
- panels of 10 players only

Rules U.10

- indirect and direct free kicks are allowed
- for free kicks, kick ins etc, the opposition must be 10 yards from the ball
- goal kicks must be taken off the ground
- throw ins only from the sideline
- corners must be taken from the corner flag
- offside rule to be used inside the one third line
- size 4 ball must be used
- panels of 13 players only