



# MiniRoos Manual

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# 1. THE ASSOCIATION

## Introduction

This Manual has been produced for Team Managers, parents and players and is available from the NSFA website - <http://www.nsfa.asn.au>. It can be found by clicking: -

“Football Information”  
 ““MiniRoos”.

This manual provides information for Team Managers regarding their responsibilities and obligations and provides parents and players with an overview of the many aspects of playing football in NSFA Junior Mixed MiniRoos matches.

This manual does not replace the NSFA Constitution, Association or Competition Regulations and is subject to change during the season as determined by NSFA Management. This manual is a guide only and in the event of any discrepancy the NSFA Constitution, Association Regulations, Competition Regulations and Policies take precedence.

The following Competition Regulations should also be referred to: -

- NSFA Competition Regulation 2 - Competition Football.  
It should also be referred to as it includes all competition rules.
- NSFA Competition Regulation 3 – MiniRoos Football.  
Contains all the MiniRoos Rules.
- NSFA Competition Regulation 6 – Member Protection.  
Contains details of your rights as a member of your club and the Codes of Conduct

The Junior Football Committee is a sub-committee of the NSFA and is charged with the running of MiniRoos. The Junior Football Committee is made up of members from a range of clubs, and provide Age Co-ordinators for each age group. The Chair of each committee reports to the NSFA Board.

The Junior Football Committee is made up of volunteers who donate their time to the running and co-ordinating of the various competitions. The committee meet once a month during the season. All meetings are open to the members of the association, however only those who hold a committee position are eligible to vote.

***PLEASE KEEP THIS DOCUMENT WITH YOU AND A COPY OF NSFA COMPETITION REGULATION 3 – MINIROOS FOOTBALL.***

## Contact Details

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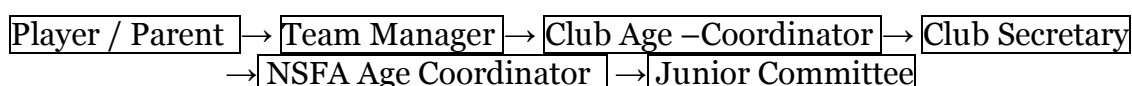
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## Communication

The Team Manager is responsible for handling team members' and parents' communications with your club. It is your club secretary's responsibility to communicate with NSFA on the team's behalf, should the need arise. Many queries and/or issues can be sorted out at club level, without the need to refer to NSFA. If you as a Team Manager are unable to have your query answered at a club level then please contact your age co-ordinator for further information. Any unresolved issues will be referred to the Junior Committee for a decision.



Website ([www.nsfa.asn.au](http://www.nsfa.asn.au))

The NSFA website contains the 5-week cycle draw for all age groups. Also on the web site are wet weather procedures, ground locations, contact lists for clubs, the NSFA code of conduct, manager's manuals, etc.

**Please check the web site for any changes on the night before or on the morning of the game before setting out. This will make sure that parents and players are playing at the correct ground at the correct time. Changes can be made to field location and time at late notice due to rain and field playability.**

## 2. MINIROOS COMPETITION

### *Competition Start Dates*

Welcome to Football Day	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Under 6)
Start:	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2015
Finish:	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2015
Anzac Day:	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 – no play
School Holiday dates:	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> April & 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> July

MiniRoos Gala Day	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2015.
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### *Duration of Play*

- (a) Under 6 & Under 7 – Two periods of 15 minutes each
- (b) Under 8 & Under 9 – Two periods of 20 minutes each
- (c) Under 10 & Under 11 – Two periods of 25 minutes each

If matches are started later than the scheduled time the periods must be reduced to ensure the game finishes at least 2 minutes before the scheduled start of the next game.

### *The Ball*

For the Under 6 to Under 9 an approved size 3 ball is used and for Under 10 to Under 11 a Size 4 ball is used.

### *Competition Points & Tables*

Competition tables will not be published on the NSFA website which is a FFA National Curriculum regulation. Results are to be entered into MyClubMate for regrading purposes only. Results will not be published on NSFA website.

### *Club Strips*

Only approved club strips are to be worn in any match. If a “home” team’s approved strip clashes with the “away” teams approved strip, the home team needs to wear coloured bibs over their playing strip. Playing strips do not have to be numbered. The “Home” team is the team that is named first in the draw.

### *On Field Coaching*

On field coaching is NOT PERMITTED, no one is allowed to stand along the goal line, next to or behind or near the goals.

### *Team / Squad Sizes.*

NSFA regulations allow for the following team/squad sizes for a game: -

- (a) Under 6 to Under 7 – maximum of 4 players per team per game with up to 2 players per game as substitutes.  
There is no goalkeeper.
- (b) Under 8 to Under 9 – maximum of 7 players per team with a maximum of 3 substitutes
- (c) Under 10 to Under 11 – maximum of 9 players per team, one of whom must be a goalkeeper with a maximum of 3 substitutes.

## MiniRoos Draw

NSFA publishes a MiniRoos draw every 5 weeks. After 5 weeks of games an automatic regrade will be carried out in each age group. The idea behind the regrade is so teams can play other teams of equal ability.

The association notes that this is not an exact process as some teams may be weakened when players are off sick or on holiday which will distort the regrading process but the results should even out over the competition.

## Player Eligibility

This is a short summary of the main misinterpretations made by players/managers and coaches in regards to which players can play in particular games. This summary does not replace the Regulations but just helps to highlight common areas of misinterpretation.

Subject to dispensation that may be granted by the Junior Football Committee, the following criteria define player eligibility: -

- ◆ Players must be properly registered, in accordance with the provisions of NSFA Competition Regulation 1 – Participant Registration.
- ◆ Players may only play in matches if they meet the age criteria on the day of the game.
- ◆ Players may play in a higher age group than that in which they have registered. However no player shall play in an age group more than two (2) years higher than they are qualified for, unless they have been granted dispensation by the Junior Football Committee. For example a player eligible in Under 9 cannot play Under 12 unless granted dispensation but he/she can play in Under 10 or Under 11.
- ◆ Players may fill in for any other team/squad in the same age group or in a higher age group, provided it is a team/squad of commensurate ability.

## Forfeits

- ◆ Forfeiting a game should be a very last resort.
- ◆ If it is necessary to forfeit, NSFA should be given 48 hours' notice. The team must notify their Club Secretary who must notify the opposition club's Secretary and the NSFA Office Penalties may apply for late notification.
- ◆ Notification before 4.00 pm on the last working day – Forfeit form must be faxed or emailed to the NSFA by your club secretary.
- ◆ Notification after 4.00 pm on the last working day – Forfeiting club must inform opposition Club Secretary.
- ◆ Please refer to our website for forfeit form.
- ◆ When a team forfeits a match a forfeit will be noted but no score will be recorded. When both teams forfeit a match a "match cancelled" will be noted.

## Gala Day

The NSFA season concludes with Junior Gala Day on Saturday 29th August 2015 and Girls Gala Day on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Gala Day involves teams playing a number of round robin games in pools against team they may not have played during the season. All teams are automatically entered into Gala Day. If for some reason a team cannot play on Gala Day Club Secretaries must notify NSFA prior to the draw being prepared. A fine of \$500 per team will be incurred *for teams* withdrawing from Gala Day 7 days prior to gala day.

## 3. WET WEATHER

### Ground Locations

Appear on the web site. [www.nsfa.asn.au](http://www.nsfa.asn.au)  
Competitions Tab / List of Grounds.

### Wet Weather Policy

Every effort will be made to communicate if a game has been cancelled or postponed due to ground closures. If your game is not marked as cancelled or postponed on the NSFA website **then you must attend your game**. Rain the night before or on the morning does not mean that your game will be cancelled. Failure to show at a game will mean a forfeit for the non-attending team. Your game maybe cancelled by your council (NSFA operates in 5 separate council areas), by your club or by the referee or presiding official.

The following criteria are used by council to assess playability and safety of a ground for use.

- i) Surface water present
- ii) Water rises to the surface when walking across the surface (indicates soil is at saturation point).
- iii) Surface is slippery to walk on, or grass dislodged easily
- iv) Heavy and/or consistent rains occurs immediately prior to or during training or play.

Sunny skies do not always mean play will proceed; it is the saturation of the soil which determines play. Your clubs and association incur fines if there is damage to the fields after playing on water logged grounds.

- i) The recommendation for closure by council is made usually by 3pm the day before.
- ii) If there are cancellations of games the website will be updated regularly to reflect this.
- iii) It is up to Team Managers to keep checking the website for changes or postponement.
- iv) Postponed/cancelled games will not be rescheduled.

## *Wet Weather Procedure*

In the event the weather is doubtful all players are able to check the NSFA web site or ring the wet weather recorded message service **1 900 957 016**.

- o after 7pm the night before games
- o after 3pm on the day for training

## *Council Wet Weather Lines*

Hornsby	9847 6764
Ku-ring-gai	9424 0800
Lane Cove	9911 3585
North Sydney	9936 8220
Willoughby	9777 7631

## 4. RESULTS

### *Match Cards*

Match cards are not required for individual matches in MiniRoos. Teams/Squads will be required to carry a season match card on which will be recorded the results of all matches played by that team/squad. Forms can be download from the “Football Information” section at [www.nsfa.asn.au](http://www.nsfa.asn.au).

### *Recording Results*

Team managers are required to enter results on your club Player Admin website. If teams enter different scores then they will receive an email asking them to resolve the “mismatch” with the opposition.

If matches are forfeited or cancelled please inform the NSFA office. Do not enter a score for any match that was forfeited or cancelled.

## 5. REFEREES

The KDFRA do not appoint referees to MiniRoos Matches. Managers are required to mutually appoint a person to act as a “Game Leader”.

The main role of the “Game Leader” is to keep the game flowing fluently, limit stoppages and assist players with all match re-starts. More importantly, they must make every effort to create an environment that ensures that all players have fun and have maximum involvement. The “Game Leader” should always be enthusiastic and approachable. More Importantly – remember the children are learning the game – be flexible and patient

The decisions of the “Game Leader” regarding actions connected with play are final. In the event of any complaint or objection relating to a “Game Leader’s” conduct of the game, on no account shall players, coaches or parents make such complaints or objections to the officiating person. Such complaints or objections should be made to the team manager.