



Ground Criteria – Small Sided Games

(Under 6 to U13's)

1. The size of the playing area shall be as per the FAW Regulations for Ages Under 6 to Under 13's.
* By Season 2025/26 ALL 9v9 Team Games the Goals MUST be of a sturdy/solid material and not Pop-up goals.
2. All playing areas must be completely roped off or fenced off with wood/metal tubing set in adequate support posts or respect barriers. Boundary fencing is to be a minimum of 2metres outside the playing area. No spectators are permitted to be located behind either goal.
3. All Small Sided games where the pitch is not permanently marked, Flat Cones only can be used to mark out the pitch. A designated technical area must be marked out with flat cones to contain appropriate personnel as defined on team sheet (Manager, Coaches/Team Helper, First Aider & Subs) It is an offence to leave the technical without the instruction of the match referee (U12/U13)
4. An emergency aid person (*First Aider with a Valid FAW First Aid Award*) per Team shall be available at each game and serviceable first aid equipment shall be kept on every ground.
5. Emergency vehicles must be able to drive into the ground. The access and egress point(s) must not be blocked.
6. Each Club must take every precaution to ensure its ground is always in a satisfactory playing condition. Goal-nets, corner flags and AR Flags (U12 & U13) must always be provided for each Match.
7. Clubs are reminded that Smoking / Vaping is strictly forbidden at all matches and that Clubs are responsible for the behavior of their Club Officials, Team Helpers, Players and Supporters.
8. A Code of Conduct must be provided by every team which must be signed by Club Secretary, Club Officials, Players and all parents. A copy of this Form must be submitted to your League Sec or League Manager
9. A Match Day Steward is to be provided and must wear High Viz jacket supplied by NEWFA at every game.
10. Home team should know where the nearest Defibrillator is situated upon request.