

Small-Sided Football in Qld in 2010

The major changes are highlighted below:

Age Groups

The Under 8 and 10 age groups have moved to the next stage of Optus Small-Sided Football formats, which incorporates a slightly larger playing field and increased player numbers on the field. It has been decided that the Under 12 age group will now play 11 v 11 on a full size field.

Field Size

In the Under 8, 9 and 10 age groups a slight range has been given in the field size.

Goal Size

For the Under 8 and 9 age groups, it is recommended that clubs that wish to and have the capacity to do so, use 3m x 2m goals. Should a club not be able to do this, the 5m x 2m goal is most acceptable for use on fields for the Under 8 & 9 age groups. FFA understands that clubs may have existing goals however when they need to replace existing goals or are in a position to make a change they should use these dimensions. Clubs are also reminded that they are able to apply for Optus Small-Sided Football goals (as well as funding) at the designated time through the FFA's Grassroots Football Facilities Fund at www.myfootballclub.com.au

Points Table & Finals

FFA advises that the keeping of points table and playing of finals must not be done for the Under 6 – 10 age group. This should not start until the Under 12 age group where children start playing 11 v 11 on a full size pitch.

Playing Format	Under 6 & 7	Under 8 & 9	Under 10
Numbers	4 v 4	7 v 7	9 v 9
Field Size *	30m x 20m	¼ Full Size Pitch Min. – 40m x 30m Max. – 50m x 40m	½ Full Size Pitch Min. – 60m x 40m Max. – 70m x 50m
Field Markings	Markers or line markings	Markers or line markings	Markers or line markings
Penalty Area	Nil	3m in length onto field 3m from each goalpost along goal line	5m in length onto field 5m from each goalpost along goal line
Goal Size *	Min: 1.5m x 0.90m Max: 2.0m x 1.00m	Min: 2.5m x 2.0m Max: 3.0m x 2.0m	Min: 4.5m x 2.0m Max: 5.0m x 2.0m
Goal Type	Goals, Poles or Markers	Goals, Poles or Markers	Goals, Poles or Markers
Ball Size	Size 3	Size 3	Size 4
Goalkeeper	No	Yes	Yes
Playing Time	2 x 15 minutes	2 x 25 minutes	2 x 30 minutes
Half Time Break	5 minutes	5 minutes	7.5 minutes
Referee	Game Leader	Instructing Referee	Instructing Referee
Points Table & Finals *	No	No	No