



2017 - U4

Mini Mites

Rules of Play

Ball size	3
Number of players	4 players on field. Others should stay on bench.
Shinguards	Mandatory
Shoes	Sneakers or soft cleated shoes
Jewelry	All jewelry must be removed before play
Mouthguards	Recommended
Referee	Parent or Coach- controls the whistle.
Line Judge	Coach or a parent
Game duration	4 - 8 minute quarters, 2 min break between quarters, 5 min halftime.
Start of play	Coaches determine which team begins play. Opposing team begins second half w/ball.
	2 in center circle, all others outside circle
	Ball must go forward first
	Ball must hit another player before a goal can be scored
Ball in & out of play	Kick on the line. No throw ins.
	Halfway through the season, throw ins will be introduced to players.
Fouls, misconduct	Explain foul to player. Give kick to other team.
Heading	Heading is banned. Explain to player, give ball to other team.
Free kicks	All are direct. Opponents stay 2 yards away.
	Referee whistles for kick.
Penalty Kicks	Yes for flagrant fouls, hand balls in penalty box.
Goal Kick	Take from anywhere in the side of the goal box where the ball went out. Ball must get 2 yards away from kick before touched by a player.
Corner Kick	Place ball on corner
Substitutions	Anytime there is a stoppage of play (at half time, throw ins, corner and goal kicks, after goals).
Score keeping	NONE
Goal keeper	No goalie at this level.

Please refer to: <http://www.fifa.com/aboutfifa/footballdevelopment/technicalsupport/refereeing/laws-of-the-game/index.html> for more information on FIFA rules and regulations.