



Under 5, 6 & 7 Playing Regulations

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| Number of players | 4-a-side with no goalkeeper. 3 maximum reserves |
| Field of play | 30m x 20m, painted lines with a half-way line |
| Goal Size | 2m wide 1m high |
| Ball Size | Size 3 |
| Duration | U5 and U6 = 15 minute halves U7 = 20 minute halves |
| Penalty area | No penalty area |

Goal type

Portable, rectangular goals are to be used.

To comply with Australian Safety Standards, portable goals must be anchored securely to the ground. The use of sandbags or pegs is recommended when using portable goals.

Goalkeeper

There are no goalkeepers in ALDI MiniRoos Under 5, 6 & 7.

Ball crossing the touch line

There is no throw in.

A player from the opposing team to the player that touched the ball last before crossing the touch line will place the ball on the touch line and pass or dribble the ball into play.

Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball until it is in play. The ball must touch a teammate before a goal can be scored.

Ball crossing the goal line

There is no corner kick.

Regardless of which team touched the ball last, a player from the team whose goal line the ball has crossed will place the ball anywhere along the goal line and pass or dribble the ball into play. Opponents must retreat to the half way line and can move once the ball is in play. **The ball must touch a team mate before a goal can be scored.**

Offside

There is no offside rule in ALDI MiniRoos Under 5, 6 & 7.

Fouls and misconduct

Indirect free kicks are awarded for all acts of handball or fouls and misconduct. Opponents must be at least 5m away from the ball when the **indirect free kick** is taken. **(An indirect free kick is where a goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal).**

Most acts of handball or fouls and misconduct at this level are caused by a lack of coordination, with no intent. In this case try and give the advantage to the attacking team and continue play. If there is a deliberate or serious act of handball, foul or misconduct has occurred, the referee will explain to the child they have done the wrong thing and that they should not do this again. Free kicks should be awarded as appropriate.

Match results and points tables

The recording of match results will be conducted by the referee and team managers on the electronic team sheets for the purpose of assigning teams to appropriate leagues, ensuring the most enjoyable experience for all players.

Referees

The BDSFA will provide training and education for referees. Allocations will be performed by the hosting club. In the case of no official referee being present, any capable person can officiate. **All official and non-official referees are entitled to payment.**

Development Leagues

The Under 7 age group will consist of Development Leagues giving clubs the opportunity to grade their players to play in a close to equal ability to their own competition. The Development Leagues can be regraded at any time by the Competition Manager.