

# Skillz FC - Match Day Rules

## Format

U7s & u8s – 5v5

U9s & u1s – 7v7

## Fouls U7s & U8s

- As the ball goes off of the pitch a lot in this age group therefore leading to a lack of actual playing time, we try our best to let the game flow even in the event of a foul – a bit like you would see at our weekly training sessions.
- If a player has been fouled but the ball is still in play and his/her team still have the ball and are at an advantage, we will let the game continue without issuing a free kick / penalty.

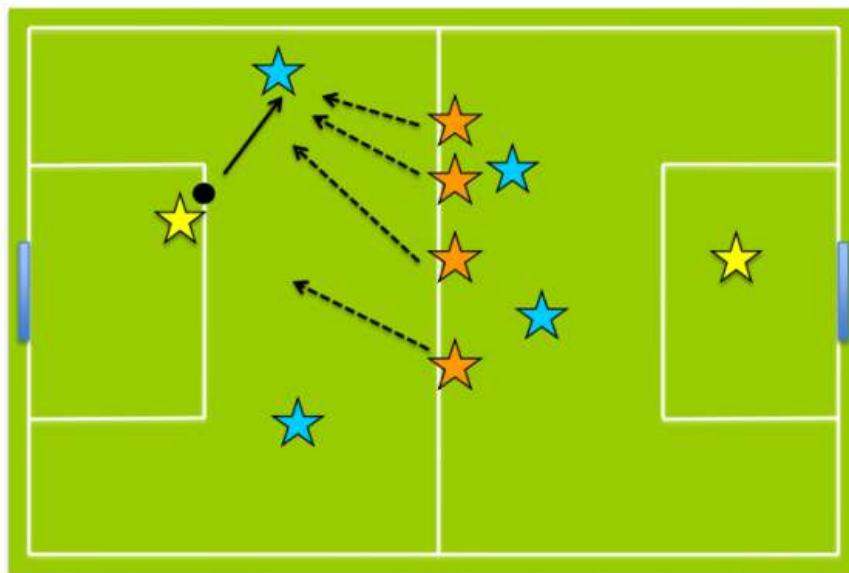
**Bad tackles and kick outs will result in the game being stopped and players spoken to by manager / referee with a free kick being awarded. We also can use the sin bin rules for 2 minutes if a bad foul has been committed or a child is persistently fouling.**

## Retreat Line

*Goal Kick Procedure:*

A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area. Opponents must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play. The defending team does not have to wait for the opposition to retreat and has the option to restart the game before should they choose to. The ball is in play when it is kicked directly out of the penalty area.

**Please note this is only for when the ball has gone off for a goal kick and not when the goalkeeper has saved it and is about to play out of their hands.**



## Corners, Throw ins, goal kicks, kick offs

- Normal rules apply for corners and throws
- If a foul throw occurs, we will help the players by showing them what to do and allowing them to retake.
- If a goal is scored, the game restarts with a kick off.

## **Goalkeepers**

- Can't use their hands outside of the box. A free kick is awarded if hands are used outside of the box.
- If they make a save and catch it / pick up the ball from the floor and then put the ball down on the floor, the other team are allowed to tackle them as you see in normal football.

## **New Rules Oct 2017**

- **Power play rule:** Team can play with an extra player if they go 4 goals behind
- **No slide tackles:** Opposition awarded a free kick if a slide tackle occurs
- **Sin bin:** managers and referees can use the 2 minute sin bin rule in the event of persistent or bad tackling

## **Parents**

For parents on the side lines there will be a zero tolerance rule on shouting out and being too noisy. If a parent is shouting out, they will be warned. If they persist, their child will be removed from the game. If this is persistent week on week, then they will be asked to leave Skillz FC.

Parents must also abide by our code of conduct at all times.