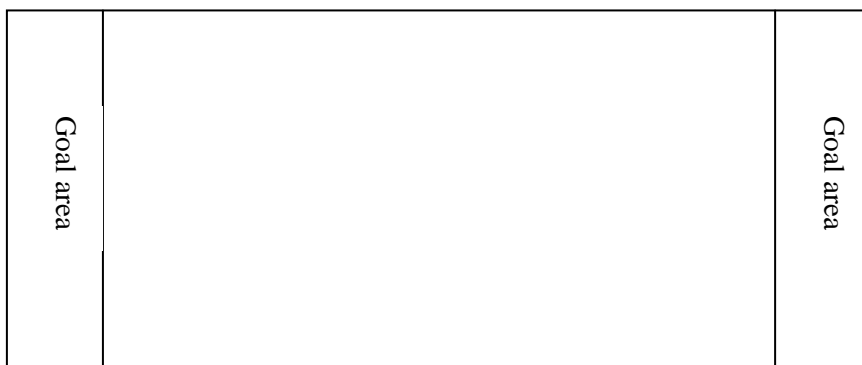


# Ultimate Mini Soccer-Ball – Official Rules

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## 1. The field of play

- 1.1 The game is played with a miniature soccer-ball by two teams on a rectangular area (shown below) generally measuring 20-25 metres in length and 10 metres in width.
- 1.2 Each end of the field of play shall have a small goal area measuring 2-3 metres in depth.



- 1.3 The size of the playing area should be determined by the number of participants. The recommended playing area accommodates up to 14 players (7 per team).

## 2. Commencing the play

- 2.1 The game commences with a basketball-style “tip-off” with a player from each team.
- 2.2 Players must either collect the ball cleanly or tap it back to a teammate. If the ball hits the ground after being touched by a player involved in the tip-off, the ball is turned over to the opposition.

## 3. Scoring

- 3.1 A goal is registered by passing the ball to a player in the goal area.
- 3.2 A player cannot score by receiving the ball outside the goal area and then step into it. However, if the player is in the air or jumping as it is received and lands in the goal area, a goal is registered.
- 3.3 3 consecutive passes must be made before a score can be registered.
  - 3.3.1 The ‘3 consecutive pass’ rule (3.3) is not broken if the ball is touched by the opposition during a pass but still remains in possession of the team that made the pass.
  - 3.3.2 The 3 consecutive passes cannot be made by 2 players passing to each other in the goal area while both standing in the goal area
- 3.4 Following a goal, the play is re-started by the opposition from the goal area.

#### **4. Turnovers**

- 4.1 The team in possession of the ball turns the ball over to the opposition if any of the following rules are broken:
- Players must be in the field of play when holding/passing/receiving the ball
  - Players may not run with the ball
  - The ball must be passed within 3 seconds of receiving it
  - The ball cannot touch the ground
- 4.2 If a pass is intercepted and then hits the ground, the ball is turned over by the team that made the pass, despite the opposition being the last to touch the ball.
- 4.3 A pass is still completed if it is intercepted/touched by the opposition but is caught inside the field of play by the team that made the pass.