

# Short Sided (7v7) Boys Rules

**Players:** 7v7 total (restraining line at midfield incorporated)

- 6v6 field players (2 attack, 2 middies, 2 defenders) +1 goalie (7v7 total)

**Goalie:** It is mandatory each team has a goalie. If a team fails to dress a goalie, we will play the game, but the team without a goalie shall forfeit.

**Playing Time:** Two 20-minute running halves with a 3 min halftime. 1 time out per game at any time, clock stops. One 3 min Sudden victory on Saturday if no winner game ends in a tie. Sunday OT will be 3 min Sudden Victory until a winner.

**Equipment:** Full equipment required for all players, no long poles.

**Coaches:** No coaches on the field and ONLY 3 coaches allowed on the team sideline.

**Faceoffs:** *Faceoff after every goal.*

- 2 players will be placed behind the goal line (GLE) for boys at both ends.
- 1 pass is required after a face off prior to a shot on goal.
- Players must remain behind the goal line until the official has signaled that possession has been attained.

**Mercy Rule:** Once a team is ahead by 5 goals or more, the trailing team will start with the ball at midfield with no faceoff. – the team that is leading by 5 or more goals must complete one pass before they are able to shoot.

**Checks:** No checking allowed.

**Penalties:** All penalties - the player responsible must be removed from the game, the ball will be awarded at midfield as a “fast break” with one player with the ball 5 yards ahead of the other midfielders.

**Offsides:** Two players always required behind the midfield line.