



Auskick Pro 9s Rules

Purpose	To provide children with a fun, safe and positive experience
Spirit of the game	To give all available players a game of football which they have every opportunity to gain possession of the ball and safely dispose of it by kick or handball
The Game	A modified match program with no competition points, no finals, no ladders, no match results, no player names published and no representative teams
Playing Ground	12-a-side matches: 90m x 50m The field is divided into three equal zones
Team	Four players in each zone. Players should be rotated and interchange can occur at anytime Where difficulty occurs in fielding full numbers, coaches must agree to use the even up rule.
Ball	Synthetic Size 2
Zones	Players may come out to get the ball but once ball is not in direct vicinity they must return to original zone
Transition of ball	When the ball is in transition from the back zone to the forward zone, it must be touched by a player in the mid zone. Failure for this to occur will result in a free kick awarded to the opposition teams at the point at which the ball entered the end zone.
Scoring	Only forward zone players can score
Officials	Minimum one field umpire, where possible there should be a goal umpire at each end
Possession rule	Once a player has possession other players may apply the hold and release restraint or block by standing in the path. No diving on the ball
Playing Time	3 x 13min
Start of play	A ball up is conducted between 2 centre players. The umpire should nominate different players each time. Players may not directly grab the ball from a ball up.
Scrimmage & field ball ups	When a scrimmage develops and a free kick is not possible, the umpire will stop play, send players back to the zone's and ball it up. Players may not directly grab the ball from a ball up
Out of bounds	A free kick is awarded against the player who last kicked it out. If there is doubt or if the ball come of hands or a body the umpire shall ball it up
Contact	Players can not bump an opponent, sling or deliberately bring a opposition player to the ground Knock the ball out of an opponents hands, push the player in the side, steal the ball and smother an opponents kick
Shepherding / Barging	Not Permitted
Marking	A mark is awarded, irrespective of the distance the ball has travelled, to any player who catches it or show control

<p style="text-align: center;">Tackling</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Players can perform a modified tackle</p> <p>A player in possession of the ball may be tackled by an opponent wrapping both arms around the area below the top of the shoulders and on/above the knees; The tackle may be from either side or from behind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tackle from behind must not thrust forward the player with the ball (i.e push in the back) • If the player in possession of the ball is taken to the ground in the act of tackling, they will receive a free kick • If a player deliberately drops to the ground, they will be penalised for holding the ball • A player in possession of the ball when held by an opponent applying the modified tackle, shall be given reasonable chance to dispose of the ball by kick or by handball or by attempting to kick or handball. Failure to do this will result in a free kick being awarded for holding the ball. • The field umpire shall conduct a ball up when the player with the ball has it held to them by an opponent if they haven't had prior opportunity to dispose of the ball. • If a player in possession of the ball has had prior opportunity before the tackle is completed the tackler will be rewarded with a free kick. (Holding the ball)
<p>Bouncing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Only one bounce permitted</p>
<p>Kicking Off the ground</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Not Permitted unless accidental</p>
<p>Distance Penalty</p>	<p>A 10m penalty can be applied at the umpires discretion if they fell a player has been hindered in any way.</p>
<p>Order Off Rule</p>	<p>To be applied at the umpires discretion. Bad language, poor sportsmanship and disrupting umpires decisions has zero tolerance</p>
<p>Coaches</p>	<p>The coach is allowed onto the ground during play with the purpose of providing immediate feedback to players.</p>