



CLUB FOOTBALL GAME LEADER

Each game is to be controlled by one Game Leader. The main role of the Game Leader is to keep the game moving fluently, limit stoppages and assist players with all match restarts. Most importantly, they must make every effort to create an environment that ensures that the players have fun, are learning the game and have maximum involvement.

The Game Leader can be a club official, parent, older child/player or beginner referee and should always be enthusiastic and approachable. Most importantly, remember the children are learning the game – be flexible and patient.

THE GAME LEADER SHOULD

Encourage all children to have fun and different children to take re-starts

Discourage players from permanently over-guarding the goal

Use a "Ready, Set, Go" prompt to encourage quick decisions when restarting play

Ensure the opposing team is at least 5 metres outside the penalty area for all goal line restarts;



Ensure the correct number of players are on the field

Check all players are wearing shin guards

Encourage children to dribble or pass ball to team mates rather than kick the ball long



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FOR MINI ROOS U7 – U11

Instead of referees we call them Game Leaders



THE GAME LEADER SHOULD

Ensure team officials and parents create a safe enjoyable and positive playing environment for the children;

Award free kicks as appropriate to help children learn the rules and consequences of committing fouls;

Let the game flow and give instruction to all players on the run where you can;

Be enthusiastic and approachable



Encourage children to be involved in all aspects of the game, attacking and defending;

Explain the rules to players and why a free kick has been awarded;

Praise and encourage both teams;

For more information on ALDI Mini Roos go to www.playfootball.com.au/miniroos

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