

**MINIROOS 2018**

**(Under 6, 7, 8 & 9’s)**

**Small Sided Games(SSG)**

Under 6, 7,8’ & 9s play in **non-competitive** mini soccer which is designed to focus on participation, skills development, teamwork, friendship and enjoyment of the game *rather than winning.* The emphasis is on having fun! We play a format called **Small Sided Games (**SSG) with the primary benefit being the increased player enjoyment and skill levels, based on the ability to be more involved in the game and have more “touches” of the ball. Due to the success of SSG it has been further expanded to include 10’s and 11’s.

**Summary of SSG for 2018**

Under 6’s will play 4 players vs 4 players on 30m x 20m playing fields

Under 7’s will play 4 players vs 4 players on 30m x 20m playing fields

Under 8s will play 7 vs 7 on a 50m x 35m field with a goalkeeper (grading for a top division)

Under 9s will play 7 vs 7 on a 50m x 35m field with a goalkeeper (grading for a top division)

Under 10’s and 11’s play 9 x 9 on a ¾ size field with goalkeeper. Full rules apply but no competition table .

**Under 6 and Under 7**

* Team Size – Under 6 & U7 will play 4 vs 4
* Field Size – 30m x 20m
* Portable goals will be specifically supplied with nets, goalkeepers will not be played.
* Clubs are divided up into geographical groups. NER have been grouped in the Wallaby area with other clubs, EEW, STA, YMA, WRR, RED, LEA, BEE. Ron Payne Park (Wood St) is our home ground and we do not have to travel far to the other venues.
* **NB: Children must turn 5 by the 31st of December 2018 to be eligible for U/6’s**

U/6 and U7 have the opportunity to be softly ranked as new player’s vs experienced players and there will be opportunities during the season to move players from one team to another, if considered beneficial. We will be putting teams together with school friends and children they have played with before. If you would like your child to play in a certain team with friends then please write this on the notes section during registration and we will do our best to accommodate those requests. Mini Soccer training will commence 22 March and the **season commences on the 7th of April**.

**MINI Soccer training in 2018**

NER employ the services of a company called Kickstart to run our mini soccer training.

This will occur:  **Thursday afternoons commencing on 22th of March**

**Under 6s: 4:30pm – 5.30pm , Under 7s : 5:30pm – 6:30pm , Under 8s: 6:30 - 7:30pm**

Please make a note in your diary, soyou can move around your child’s swimming or music lessons tocater for this. Remember soccer is a team sport and children feel more inclusive in

their team if they train and play together.

We also request that you give consideration to volunteering assistance in the form of coaching or managing a team. We are not able to field teams without a coach and a manager. Neither of these jobs are difficult so please consider volunteering. In 2017 we have again employed the services of Kick Start training. This takes the onus off the individual team’s coach. Prior to and during the season, coaches will have access to various teaching and support resources from both inside and outside the club.

**Under 8 & Under 9**

Under 8’s & U9’s will be 7 vs 7 on a 50m x35m field with a goal keeper. 5 m x 1.5 m goal post.

Our home ground is Ron Payne Park. Regarding trainingWe have arranged some early season sessions with kickstart on Thursday afternoons however these teams will organise their own training after this.

**Girls/Womens Soccer**

Once girls reach U8’s there is the option to play in a “female only” competition with North West Sydney Women’s Football ([www.nwsws.com.au](http://www.nwsws.com.au)) or continue to play mixed Mini Football. Please note the Women’s competition is ALWAYS played on a Sunday morning and game times range from 9am to 1pm. All games are played at Morrison Bay, Putney. If you want to consider the Sunday morning comp for your daughter rather than staying in the mixed U8 competition (on a Saturday morning) please let us know at registration and we will see if there is enough interest to put teams in that competition. Many girls do continue in the mixed Saturday competition for many years. **We hope to have an Under 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s team this year**.

**Uniform**

NER will provide all players with a shirt before the season commences and this is to be returned at the end of the season. Shirts are an expensive cost to the club and to prolong their life we ask that you limit your child to wearing the shirt just at the game and not to training or at other times. Shorts are to be black and socks are black and orange with shin pads and soccer boots. Shin pads are compulsory. NER socks can be purchased from the club. In 2018 we will provide Socks for all new Under 6 kids.

If you have any queries regarding Mini Soccer don’t hesitate to contact our NER Mini Soccer Co-ordinator.

Michael Stern – 0414 557277 – [Michael.stern@bigpond.com](mailto:Michael.stern@bigpond.com)