

## School Futsal Best Practice – Primary School

### **Ball in play**

- The ball should be in play as much as possible. This is particularly important for year 1-4 players who often take a long time to pass the ball back into play from the side-line or as a goalkeeper. As teachers and parents, you can encourage players to pass the ball back in faster so more time can be spent playing.  
A good way to do this is count down from three. On “one” or “go” the player should pass or kick the ball back into play.

### **Substitutes**

- This year, we have asked teams to have no more than eight players in each team. This is to ensure players are getting sufficient game time and less time as a substitute. This is to allow players to play for 5+ minutes and build some confidence and momentum instead of being changed every two minutes to accommodate for 10 or 11 players.  
Where possible, game time should be evenly spread between players.

### **Referees**

- Referees need to be respected at all times, regardless if you agree or disagree with them. Any teacher, parent or player who disrespects a referee will be without a referee for the remainder of the game.  
Referees have been told to leave the game immediately if they are uncomfortable and speak to Southern Football staff present on the night.  
If anything, please help referees where you can with honesty and support.

## Scores

- For juniors, we do not keep scores. You are welcome to keep scores to yourself however we want the focus to be on fun and a positive experience regardless if you win or lose.

