



DIVISION TRANSITION GUIDE

WELCOME TO U12!

The game continues progressing towards the adult game.

WHAT'S NEW

- **Bigger teams:** 7v7 becomes 9v9.
- **Longer halves:** 25 minutes becomes 30 minutes.
- **Keepers cut loose:** no listed time-share cap (up from a half-game limit), and full distribution options open up — punts and drop kicks are introduced, and the build-out line restriction drops.
- **Goal kicks go standard:** no more build-out line restriction or penalty-box limit.
- **No more throw-in do-overs:** the one-re-throw grace period ends here.
- **Bigger roster minimum:** at least 6 players needed to start, up from 4.
- **Full officiating crew:** a center referee plus two assistant referees, up from just a center ref.

WHAT STAYS THE SAME

- **Ball size** stays at size 4.
- **Scoring** is still capped at a +4 differential, same as U10.
- **Standard offside** continues.
- **No slide tackles**, no purposeful heading.
- **Every player** still gets at least half of every game.
- **Same gear basics.**