

U9s korfball is played on 2.5m posts with a K3 ball.

U11s korfball is played on 3m posts with K4 ball.

Junior Korfball

Mini-korf is a scaled down version of korfball suitable for small children.

The pitch has two posts, one at either end, set in from the back of the court (1/6th of the length of the court) but there is no half way line. There are no sections and the game is 4-on-4. The pitch is usually about the length of a badminton and a little bit wider than a badminton court.

There should be space between the pitches so that parents can watch and the players can safely chase the ball off the pitch.

The rules are the same as normal korfball except that after a goal is scored, and at the start of a game, the team in possession of the ball starts with the ball under their post. The ball does not start from the half way line.

Rolling subs can also allowed under the tournament rules.

If teams are short of girls or boys the competition rules can allow for boys to play as girls and vice versa. In order to make it easier to referee and reduce the chances of awarding a unearned penalty, these players should be clearly marked, e.g. by wearing a bib.

Refereeing Mini-Korf

Most players of mini-korf are very young and might not have much experience. It is important that the players get to play and that they enjoy themselves.

When refereeing, make sure that you make it clear why you are blowing the whistle. Talk to the players during the game, you are as much a coach as you are a referee.

When a foul happens punish it with either a restart or a penalty. Free passes are too complex for U9s.

Younger players often do not understand the rules when playing a side line or throw off. The referee should go to the side line, or stand with the player at throw off, in order to be able to give instruction on where to stand behind (or in front of the line for throw offs).

Younger players tend to get excited and will quickly try to bring the ball into play. Rather than repeatedly blowing and calling the ball back, remind the player to wait for the whistle.

The coaches will often come onto the pitch to help their players. This is fine as long as they do not get in the way of the game.

Blow for the ball going out at the side line as soon as it crosses the line. Requiring the ball to touch the ground or a player stood over the line is too complicated for smaller children.

While young players are subject to all the rules of korfball it is possible, for younger players, to

relax the following rules:

- requiring the ball to be played 2.5m following a restart
- requiring the ball to be played within 4 seconds
- calling a restart for every football