**Mansfield Schools FA
Rules for Small sided games (7/8-a-side)**

Equipment –
All players need to wear appropriate protective equipment. All players to wear shin pads and goal keepers must also wear goalkeeping gloves.

All players to wear astro trainers or moulded all ground boots. Boots with bladed design are not to be worn due to risk of the blades snapping when being used on the surface.

Goal Kicks –
When the ball goes out of play for a goal kick, play is restarted from anywhere on the goal keepers ‘D’ or ‘Box’

Throw-ins –
Normal football rules

Corners –
Normal football rules

Goalkeepers Area –
Goalkeepers can only handle the ball in the D. Should the goalkeeper handle the ball outside the D then it shall be a direct kick from where the goalkeeper handled it.

Offside –
No offside rule

Pass back –
No pass back rule

Head height –
No head height rule

Penalties –
Taken from the spot if there is one, if not it is taken from the most central point on the D facing the goal.

Re-starting the game after a goal –
Play resumes from a kick-off in the centre from the team who has just conceded

Time -
Length of matches to be decided before commencement of tournament

Infringements/foul play/Unsporting conduct –
Normal FA rules to be followed for any of the above