

Soccer Balls

What is a football game without a soccer ball!!!!
("the REAL football is soccer!")

Soccer balls come in a range of colors and sizes. While colors are not as important (unless your league has its own required style), size is important according to child's age. Balls range in size from 0 to 5. Size 0 and 1 are smaller balls, and usually for skill building or fun. Size 3 is where most players begin with at the youngest age....and move up through a four and then a size five ball.



Soccer Ball Size	Player Age*	Division	Ball circumference (approx.)
1/Mini/Skills	All ages		18" - 20"
2/Mini	All ages		20" - 22"
3	7 and under	U6 - U8	23" - 24"
4	8 - 11	U9 – U12	25" - 26"
5	12 and up	U13 and above	27" - 28"

Soccer Ball Care Ball care is important too.

(besides keeping it away from the Border collie who loves to demolish any soccer ball he finds!)

- Avoid sitting or standing on your soccer ball, as it may warp the structure and permanently damage the pressure system.
- Also, avoid kicking your ball against hard and uneven surfaces, such as concrete walls or gravel, to avoid scuffing and puncturing
- Use mild soap to clean. Try to keep free from elements. Excess moisture will lead to balls demise.
- A soft ball will not bounce or roll properly, making it difficult to control during play. A ball that is too hard will bounce too much and may cause injury to players. The recommended pressure rating listed directly on the ball, typically ranging from 6 to 8 lbs. Consider the weather, in cold weather that ball becomes as hard as a hockey puc!
- A ball pump (not required) with replacement needles (they break easy so get extras if you do buy them) is good to have on hand because you never know when you may need one. Just remember to moisten the needle before inserting it into the ball to avoid puncturing..