



CANTERBURY JUNIOR HOCKEY
MINI STICKS U9s (6 a-side) 2017

- Age Level:** Year 3 & 4 or Under 9.
- Team Size:** Six (6) players (on the field at any one time). Rolling substitutions are encouraged with a recommended squad size of 8 players. Kitted goalkeepers not allowed.
- Field Size:** Games are played on artificial surface which are approximately 1/4 (25m x 55m) of full-sized turf, although probably a little smaller these are often multi-purpose spaces.
- Game length:** Games are 2 x 18minute halves with a 2-minute half-time. And 2 minute changeover between games.
- Rules:** Penalty corners are not played. All infringements by the defending team within the circle (or within 5m of the goal if there is no circle) result in a free hit to the other side taken outside the circle or 5m line. Where the ball goes over the backline from a defender a free hit will be awarded to the attacking side at half way, in line with where the ball went out.
- Umpires:** All teams must provide an umpire for each game.
- Coaching:** Basic skills – passing & receiving on the move, elimination skills including dribbling to set up a pass or goal shot. Positional play and teamwork.
- Entries:** There is no limit to the number of teams in this grade. Teams will be sorted into ability/graded pools. Where a Club or School has two or more teams, it is strongly recommended that these teams are graded by the club or school to provide appropriate skill-level games for all abilities.