



Eynesbury Eagles - Social Story

Moving from Auskick to Under 9's football



1. **I'm ready for under 9's**
2. **What will be different?**
3. **When I feel nervous**
4. **Being a good teammate**
5. **Making Mistakes**
6. **Ready to play!**



1. I'm ready for under 9's:

I have learnt lots of football skills at Auskick:

- kicking,
- handballing and
- working as part of a team.



Now I am ready for my next football adventure in Under 9's.



I do not have to be perfect. I just need to try my best, keep learning and have fun.

Every player learns at their own pace.



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2. What will be different?

There are a few new things in Under 9's.

- I will wear a football uniform for training and game days.



- I will wear football boots and a mouthguard.





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- Some players also choose to wear approved gloves or a helmet if they need one.



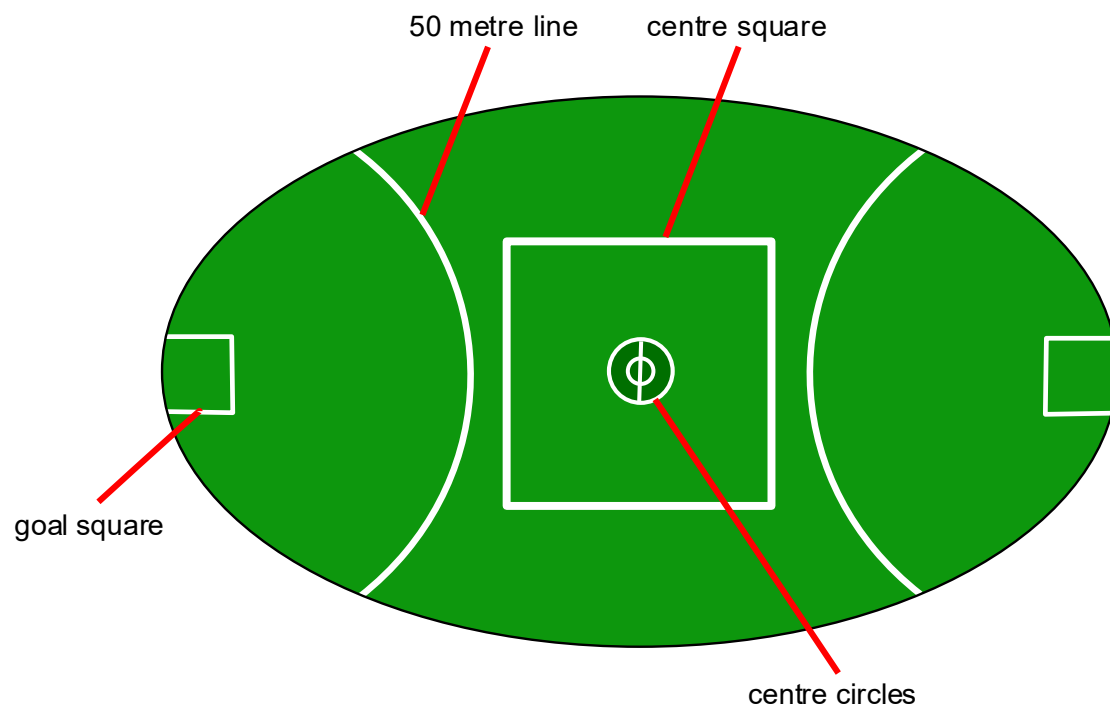
- For safety, any earrings or jewellery must be taped up or removed.
- I will train once a week and play games on Sundays during the season.

My home ground will be Eynesbury Recreational Reserve (The Nest)





- Some games will be at my home ground, and some will be away games at other clubs.
- The Under 9's field is slightly smaller and is divided into three playing zones:
 - Back
 - Centre
 - Forward



- I will play in my designated zone and stay with the player I am matched up with.
- Sometimes the weather might be cold. If I would like to, I can wear league-approved football gloves.



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3. When I feel nervous:

Starting something new can feel exciting and sometimes a little scary.

Lots of children feel nervous when they begin Under 9's.

Under 9's is about learning football, trying new skills and having fun.





If I need a short break, I can let my coach know.



My coach, assistant coach and team manager are there to help me. I can ask questions whenever I am unsure.

If I feel nervous, I can:

- Take a deep breath.
- Listen to my coach.
- Ask for help.
- Remember that every game helps me learn.



4. Being a good teammate:

I can be a great teammate by:

- Encouraging my teammates.
- Passing the ball.
- Listening when my coach is talking.
- Trying my best.
- Shaking hands after the game.
- Being kind and respectful helps, everyone enjoy football.



5. Making mistakes:

Everyone makes mistakes.

Even AFL players make mistakes.

If I miss a kick, drop the ball or forget where to stand, that is okay.

Mistakes help me learn and improve.

Each time I play, I become a better football player.





6. Ready to play:

Boots on – I'm ready to play.

Mouthguard – I wear my mouthguard for games and practice matches at training.

Training uniform – Worn at training. Available to purchase from:
Worklocker Bacchus Marsh - [Eynesbury Football and Netball Club](http://www.eynesburyfnc.com.au)

Game day uniform – Available directly from the club.

League-approved gloves – Optional for cold weather. Available to purchase from: _____

League-approved helmets – Optional, available to purchase from: Rebel sport

Remember

👁️ Eyes looking.

👂 Ears listening.

😊 Have fun.

🏐 Try my best.

Every game is another chance to learn, make friends and enjoy football.



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I sing our club song after every math with my teammates

