## CITY OF ORANGE TOUCH ASSOCIATION MINI TOUCH – MODIFIED RULES (Under 6s to Under 9s)

## \*\*\* TIPS FOR MINI TEAM COACHES \*\*\*

- Minis play 5 a side on half a touch field, but as long as both teams play with the same amount of players, this rule is flexible.
- Minis play for 25 minutes and teams run the same way for the whole game.
- Minis get 6 touches with the ball as normal.
- Have defenders wait until the attacking side has passed the ball from acting half before getting defenders to move up to make the touch.
- If the attacking side drop the ball, just count the dropped ball as a touch and have the attacking side pick up the ball and perform a roll ball.
- If the attacking side run out, just bring the attacker back to where they ran out, count it as a touch and have the attacking side perform a roll ball.
- If the attacking side throw a forward pass, just give the passer the ball back and have them pass the ball again backwards.
- If the attacking team run past the mark where they got touched, just get the attacker to go back and perform a roll ball where they were touched.
- If the attacking team try to put the ball down for a try but they drop it or put it down short
  of the line, just give the ball back to the attacker and get them to put it down properly and
  award the try. Close enough is good enough when kids are learning the game.

THESE TIPS FOR MINI COACHES WILL HELP TEACH AND ENCOURAGE CHILDREN THE RULES OF TOUCH FOOTBALL. EVERYONE GETS A TROPHY AND NO POINTS ARE KEPT, SO FOCUS SOLELY ON THE CHILDREN'S ENJOYMENT AND NOT ON THE RESULT.

HAVE A GREAT SEASON OF MINI TOUCH FOOTBALL