

MINI SOCCER TOURNAMENT RULES

(U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17 & Mens please also see Section 2 rules)

REGISTRATION:

All teams must attend the Registration tent on arrival and complete a team sheet issued by Focus Ferrers FC. The completed form must be returned back to the registration tent prior to the first match commencing.

TEAMS:

A maximum of 6 players per team and 10 players per squad. No player shall play for more than one competing team. All players must be within the correct age group.

SUBSTITUTES:

Substitutes will be on a roll-on/roll-off basis.

DURATION OF GAMES:

Group matches and knockout matches will be 12 mins duration based on 6 mins each way with no formal half time break.

MATCH RULES:

Normal mini soccer rules will apply e.g. overhead height balls, players allowed into the penalty area, and throw ins and corners to be taken in the usual way (up to and including U10's). **U11's and over please see Section 2**

MATCH CONTROL:

A Referee together with a Focus Ferrers FC Pitch Manager will be appointed for each match. The Referee is in control of each match however if there is any further decision that needs to be determined then this will be resolved by the Pitch Manager.

PLAYERS DISCIPLINE:

Any player receiving two yellow cards or a single red card during the course of the tournament shall take no further part. If the banned player continues to play then that team will be withdrawn from the tournament and all matches completed will be deemed as void.

COLOUR CLASHES:

The team drawn first in the programme are deemed to be the home team. In the event of a colour clash the away team must change. All teams should therefore bring an away kit or bibs.

GROUP PLACINGS:

Group placings will be decided on the following basis:

- 3 points for a win,
- 2 points for a score draw
- 1 point for a no score draw.

In the event of clubs being level on points the final positions shall be determined by:

- Goal difference.
- Number of goals scored or
- Penalty shoot-out.

At the knockout stage (semi finals / final), in the event of a draw there will be a 5 minute golden goal period (next team to score will be the winner) followed by a penalty shoot out if still no result.

PENALTIES:

If required, penalties will consist of five penalties per side which will be taken alternatively by five players indicated to the Referee before the commencement of the shoot-out. If the two teams are still level after taking five penalties then there will be a sudden death shoot-out. Each player will only take one penalty unless the entire squad has already taken a penalty

PROTESTS:

Any protests must be made to the allocated Pitch Manager directly after a game, unless lodged with the Referee prior to the start of the game. No protest in relation to a decision by Referee shall be entered into. In the event of any dispute the allocated Pitch Manager will refer the issue to the Tournament Chairman, whose decision is final.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Any rule not covered above will comply with FA Mini Soccer League rules. Supporters are reminded to abide by the FA Respect Campaign and remain behind the designated spectator barriers.

SECTION 2

The following additional rules apply to U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17 and Mens age Groups. In order to allow the games to flow we have taken the decision to adopt the following rules for the older age groups.

GOAL AREAS:

No outfield players can enter either goal keepers area. If a player enters their own area then the opposition will be awarded a penalty. If an opposing player enters the keeper's area then a free kick will be awarded.

GOAL KEEPERS

Goal Keepers must remain in their areas for the duration of play. If they stray outside of their area then a free kick will be awarded to the opposition.

GOAL KICKS

There will be no goal kicks, the goal keeper must "under arm throw" the ball out.

GOALS

U17 and Mens age groups will play with 9 a-side goals, all other age groups will play with mini soccer sized goals