Berkhamsted Raiders Community Football Club

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NIKE PARTNER CLUB

The FA CHARTER STANDARD COMMUNITY CLUB

6-a-side Competition Rules for Saturday 15th June 2019

**** U8 will play 5-a-side ****

1. Please register your teams at the scoring desk, using the form provided, at least 30 minutes before your first match.

2. Tournament rules are covered by normal FA Mini Soccer Rules, with the following exceptions and clarifications
   - No max players per team but to avoid player disappointment and maximise game time, please bring 'manageable' squad sizes. Rolling substitutions will be permitted.
   - All matches will be 10 minutes one way. There will be no half time.
   - All players must have been eligible to play in the appropriate age group for the 2018/19 season. No Player can play for more than one team during this Tournament. Any team playing a player that has already played for another Team (within the same Club for example) maybe disqualified from the Tournament by the Organisers.

3. Match balls:
   - Under 8s, U9s will use size 3 footballs
   - Under 10s, 11s, 12s, U13s, U14s & U15s will use size 4 footballs

4. The first named team in each tie will provide the correct sized match ball.

5. In the event of a clash of colours the first named team shall change.

6. Teams (including goalkeepers, may not play in black or dark coloured shirts that will clash with the referee. Goalkeepers mush wear a shirt colour that is different from their own teams and their opponents.

7. At kick offs
   - The ball must travel forward at kick off
   - You cannot score directly from a kick off.

8. There is no offside.

9. Players are allowed in the goal area.

10. Normal corners and normal throw ins

11. The "no back pass" rule will apply as in a normal game for all age groups.

12. Opposing players must stand at least 3 metres from any free kick and corner, and 2 metres from a throw in.

13. The Retreat Line rule is in play for child friendly age groups (U8-U11). From a goal kick the opposing team must retreat to the halfway line before the goalkeeper takes the goal kick. If the defending team decide to take the goal kick before their opponents have retreated, they do so at their own risk. If their opponents take possession of the ball, the match continues, and no retake is awarded.

Goalkeeper:

Normal FA rules apply, with regards to a goalkeeper handling the ball and kicking it from open play except:

- For under 8s drop kicks and any type of throw out are allowed. Goal-kicks are to be taken from anywhere within the penalty area.
- For under 9s and 10s, goal-kicks are to be taken from the goal line and within their own penalty area.
- For under 9s and older there are no drop-kicks. The goalkeeper must use underarm throw outs, or may release the ball, so that it is in open play, and kick the ball from the ground.

- For under 11s and older there are no goal-kicks. The goalkeeper must use underarm throw outs.
- If a throw out is not underarm the referee should tell the goalkeeper to throw the ball out again. For persistent infringement the referee may award an indirect free kick from the edge of the penalty area.

Results:

For U8s there will be no knockout stages or penalty shootouts to decide group positions. Games will end after the group stages, with medals for all participants.

For U9's and older, there will be 3 points for a WIN, 1 point for a DRAW and 0 for a LOSS. If teams are level on points at the end of the group stages, position in group and hence progression is decided on:

- Firstly, goal difference divided by number of games played
- Secondly, most goals scored divided by number of games played
- Finally, if the above criteria are equal there will be a penalty shootout

Extra Time:

Finals will be decided by the teams scoring most goals during normal time. If the score is equal after normal time, extra time of 3 minutes each way will be played. If the score is equal after extra time, kicks from the Penalty Mark will decide the winner.

Penalties:

5 players from each side who are on the field of play at the end of playing time shall take a penalty for his team alternating with their opponents. If at the end of this series the scoring remains equal, sudden death will come into operation with the 6th player, and then the previous 5 players can take kicks in any order chosen by their team. Should a team have a player(s) sent off by the referee the opposing team must reduce the number of players to equalise the participants in each team prior to the kicks being taken.

Only the players participating in the Kicks from the Penalty Mark, may remain on the field of play. Managers/Coaches/Spectators and Substitutes must remain off the field of play. All players except the two opposing goalkeepers and the penalty taker must remain in the centre of the field of play whilst each kick is being taken. If a team scores more penalties than the other in the first five and their opponents cannot equalise with their remaining kicks (i.e., 3-0), there is no need to take the remaining kicks.

Discipline:

This competition uses the BLUE Card system where a player booked is sent to a sin bin for 2 minutes. The booking is not sent to Herts FA but recorded by the Senior Referee. Two blue cards in any one match normally equals a red card, whereas an accumulation of two blue cards in the tournament or a red card results in a player being excluded from any subsequent matches. Registered Referees shall control all matches where possible and all misconduct or straight red card offences will be reported by the referees to the appropriate County FA.

The referees result scorecard of each game must be brought to the scoring desk by the winning team manager, or if the game is a draw, by the manager of the first named team.

In the event of any dispute the decision of the organising committee will be final

RESPECT

All participants have the right to enjoy being involved in this Tournament, whether playing or officiating. Anyone found guilty of breaching the FA's RESPECT Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the Tournament and reported to the appropriate County FA to protect all participants.