

BUSHEY & OXHEY FC - TOURNAMENT RULES – 2019

Each team must be **registered 30 minutes before their first game** using an official registration form, completed by an adult manager who takes responsibility for that team throughout the day.

Any protests about player eligibility or interpretation of the rules or any matter not covered elsewhere shall be referred to the organising committee based at 'Control' whose decision shall be final in all matters. In the event of a dispute concerning this tournament, appeals can be lodged with the Hertfordshire FA.

A maximum of 8 players for 5-a-side, 10 players for 7-a-side, 13 players for 9-a-side, 15 for 11-a-side may be registered. Players are only allowed to be registered in one team in the Tournament. Proof of D.O.B may be required if any disputes are raised.

The Football Association Rules for each relevant age group applies i.e.

Usual mini-soccer rules for u7,u8,u9 & u10.

Usual football rules for u11 –u18, but with the following exceptions :-

No Offsides

Match duration is 12 minutes straight through with no half-time break or change of ends; for each fixture the first named team in the programme provides match ball that is appropriate for the age group (u7-u9 size 3, u10-u14 size 4, u15-u18 size 5) and decides which way to kick, the 2nd named takes kick off.

For all age groups Tournament shall be played on a normal league basis. The top 2 teams in each group will go through to the Semi-Finals. With the semi-finals winners going on to compete in the final.

In the event of teams being level on points, the deciding factors will be as follows, in this order

- 1) The result between the teams involved
- 2) Goal difference (averaged if the number of games played is different)
- 3) Goals scored (averaged if the number of games played is different)
- 4) Penalty Shootout

If a penalty shoot-out is required, 5 players will be nominated to take alternate kicks. If scores are still level after this, then it will move to a sudden death shoot out. Only those players on the pitch at the final whistle may take part in the penalty shootout. All other IFAB rules for penalty shoot-out apply.

If a match is drawn in a knockout phase the match will go straight to penalties with no extra time.

For the sake of clarity:

- 1) No Offside

- 2) Goalkeeper is free to kick the ball as far as he so wishes. He can also throw it if he wants.
- 3) In all u7-u10 games, all opposition players shall retreat to their own half before a goal kick is taken. However, the team may choose to take the goal kick quickly before the opposition has retreated.
- 4) In all u11-u18 age groups after the ball is intentionally passed back, by foot, to the goalkeeper by their own team they may not use their hands, and will be penalised by an indirect free kick.
- 5) In all u7-u10 age groups after the ball is intentionally passed back, by foot, to the goalkeeper by their own team, they may not use their hands, and will be penalised by a direct free kick. This will be taken from the edge of the penalty area directly parallel with where the ball was picked up.
- 6) Throw Ins are to be behind the head overarm, no roll ins or kick ins.

All u7's & u8's will receive a commemorative medal for taking part.

U9-u18 only winners and runners up will receive medals.

The winning teams in all age groups will receive a trophy.

Discipline - Anyone dismissed (red card) for a misconduct offence shall not be permitted to take any further part in the tournament. This includes two cautions (yellow cards) in the same game.

Anyone receiving two cautions (yellow cards) through the duration of the tournament shall miss their teams next scheduled game.

Appointed Referees will control all matches and report all misconduct to the Hertfordshire FA.