

CCYFC - 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 and 10 players for 7 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 laws for Mini-Soccer will apply other than where stated below.

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 chooses ends, the 2nd named takes kick off. If a match is drawn in a knockout phase the match will go straight to penalties with no extra time. All match balls will be provided by CCYFC. Size-3 for u7, u8 and u9 and Size-4 for u10 u11 and u12.

U7/U8 Boys and U7/U8/U9 Girls will be friendly football and results will not be recorded or league tables constructed. All players at these age groups will receive medals.

For all other age groups Tournament shall be played on a normal league basis. The top 2 teams in each group will go through to the Cup competition, those placed 3rd and 4th will be placed in the Plate competition. (note for u12 only the top 2 best performing 3rd placed teams will go through to the Plate)

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

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

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 shoot out

If the goalkeeper picks the ball up, they must throw the ball to their players, not kick it (overarm throws are allowed). If the ball goes out for a Goal 'Kick' the restart is taken as a throw (as above) AND the opposition players are to retreat to their own half. Any transgression of these rules results in the throw being retaken

For the sake of clarity:

- 1) There shall be no offsides
- 2) Goalkeeper throws may be taken from anywhere inside the penalty area
- 3) In all 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 u9-u12 boys and u10-u12 Girls, after the ball is passed back to the goalkeeper by their own team they may not use their hands, and will be penalised by an indirect free kick.

Discipline - Anyone dismissed for a misconduct offence shall not be permitted to take any further part in the tournament. Anyone receiving two cautions in total (yellow cards) shall be required to miss their next game. If a third caution is received then they will not be allowed to take any further part in the tournament. Appointed Referees will control all matches and report all misconduct to the Hertfordshire FA.