

## **EVERETT ROVERS TOURNAMENT RULES 2019**

Tournament rules are covered by normal FA mini soccer rules, with the following exceptions and clarifications;

1. Each player shall be eligible to compete only in the team relevant to their age. This will be their age group for season 2018/19. Proof of age may be required. Fielding of over age players will result in the offending team being disqualified from the tournament.
2. Each player shall be allowed to compete for one team only during the competition. Any team found to be abusing this rule shall be disqualified from the tournament.
3. Each team shall register no more than 10 and no less than 6 players in each team, when entering into the competition. For under 7 and under 8 teams (5 a side) this shall be a maximum of 9 players and a minimum of 5 players. One of which shall be a goalkeeper.
4. Each team shall provide a completed team sheet to the control tent upon arrival to confirm their registration and participation. This will show team name, player's names & DOB, kit colour, alternative colour, manager's name & mobile number.
5. Each team shall appoint an adult as manager. The manager will be responsible for his team being registered on arrival at the ground, and available to play on the correct pitch at the stated time. The manager must ensure the team is on time for all games. Failure to do so will result in a 1-0 win being recorded against them. A first aid trained person and first aid kit must accompany each team.
6. All teams entering the competition should have a change of shirt or bibs available for use in the event of a colour clash. If this occurs, the second named team will change shirts.
7. All teams shall provide a match ball.
8. All players must wear full football kit including trainers and shin pads. Studded footwear shall only be permitted at the discretion of the organising committee. Only goalkeepers may wear tracksuit bottoms.
9. The first named team will provide the match ball.
10. The first named team will choose ends and the second named team will kick off.
11. All matches will last for 8 minutes for 5 a side and 10 minutes for 6 a side and played straight through i.e. no half time.
12. With the referees acknowledgment substitutions can be made throughout the match on a roll-on, roll-off basis.
13. The winning team shall return the referees results slip to the control tent immediately following conclusion of each match. In the event of a draw the first named team shall return the results slip.

14. Games shall be organised initially on a league basis, with 3 points awarded for a win and one point for a draw. The top 2 sides will go through to semi-finals.
15. League positions will be decided on points gained. If teams are equal on points, positions will be decided in order of (a) goal difference, (b) goals scored, (c) result between the 2 sides. If still level, a penalty shoot-out will decide the position with the winning team taking the higher place. The shoot-out will take place on a pitch to be decided by the control tent and be contested by the players that finished the last league game.
16. In the semi-finals and finals, where applicable, if the scores are level at the end of normal time, the game shall be decided on penalties. Each player on the field at the end of normal time, including goalkeepers, shall take one penalty each, alternating between the two teams. Substituted players may NOT re-join their team. When both teams have completed their penalties, the team with the highest score shall be declared the winner. If scores are equal at this stage, penalties will continue on a sudden death basis, with the same players in the same order.
17. The game shall be started and restarted after a goal has been scored by a kick off from the centre spot.
18. The offside rule will not apply.
19. A goal may be scored from any part of the field, all players are allowed in the penalty area and goalkeepers are allowed out.
20. Goalkeepers must return the ball into play by rolling underarm. This will apply instead of goal kicks as well. Goalkeepers can't kick the ball out of his hands at any time or drop the ball to their feet and then kick it. Penalty for an infringement, shall be an direct free kick from the penalty area at the point nearest where the infringement occurred. Opposing teams must withdraw 3 meters from the edge of the penalty area. **For U7 & U8's opposition players shall retreat to the half way line when the goalkeeper has the ball in his hands.**
21. Back pass rule shall apply to all age groups.
14. All throw-ins shall be taken in the usual way, returning the ball into play with both hands from behind the players head..
15. The ball can travel above head height. All free kicks are direct.
16. Corners will be taken in the normal way.
17. Any player receiving a red card during the tournament will be banned from further participation in the tournament. Any disciplinary offences, including misconduct, shall be reported to the relevant County FA.
18. Any disputes can be lodged in writing at the control tent with a payment of £20. If the dispute is found by the tournament committee in that team's favour, the fee shall be refunded.
19. **The referee's decision is final.**