

## EVERGREEN FC 6-A-SIDE RULES 2020

1. This Competition shall be known as the Evergreen invitation 6-A-Side competition and shall be affiliated to the Hertfordshire County Football Association. Entry is by invitation only and the competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules, Regulations and bylaws of the Football Association and the Hertfordshire Football Association.
2. The competition shall be designated Under 13, Under 12, Under 11, Under 10 and Under 9 all of whose players on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 of the current season are under 13 and under nine years. The under 8 under 7s and under 6s (Must be 6 years old on Tournament day) only play friendly matches and each player for these age groups receive the same trophy. No teams in the U/13, U/12, U/11, U/10 or U/9 Sections shall include players with an age difference of more than two years.
3. All competing players shall be registered members of the club they represent at the time of the competition. Each team shall register a maximum of 8 players on the day of the competition. Each registered player shall only play for one team. Girls can play in mixed sides up to under 13.
4. In case of Members still attending school, the first loyalty of such a member is to his school and if his school require a member of an affiliated club to play for his school at any time, the club or competition must without question whatsoever, release him to play for his school.
5. The Laws of Association Football will apply except where provided for in the Playing Rules. There are no off side. Throw ins as normal.
6. The competition will be played on a League basis, THREE points for a win, and ONE point for a draw. If a team fails to turn up the game is awarded to opponents as a 0-0 score but receiving 3 points. The teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of each league will qualify for the semi-finals or quarter-finals. If two or more teams finish equal 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> on points. GOAL DIFFERENCE will decide the winners. If goal difference is equal GOALS FOR will decide the winners. If goals for are equal, the result of the match the two teams played against each other will decide the winner. If this was equal PENALTIES will decide. Teams finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and possible 5<sup>th</sup> go to a plate competition. Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Finals will be decided by the teams scoring most goals during normal time, if the score is equal after normal time, extra time will be played. If the score is equal after extra time, PENALTIES will decide the winner.
7. Duration of play in all matches is five (5) minutes each way. Extra time if necessary in quarter-finals, semi-finals and final ties shall be three (3) minutes each way.
8. 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 6<sup>th</sup> player. 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.

9. A player who is sent off for misconduct shall not be permitted to take any further part in the competition, he may be replaced (by a team mate nominated on the team sheet) for subsequent matches, but not in the match during which he was sent off. This competition uses the BLUE Card system where a player booked is sent to a sin bin for 2 minutes but the booking is not sent to Herts FA but recorded by the Senior Referee. Two blue (yellow) cards in any one match equal a red card, whereas an accumulation of two blue (yellow) cards in the tournament 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.
10. Each team shall appoint an adult as manager. The manager shall be responsible for his team being registered on arrival and being available to play on the correct pitch at the published time. Each player will wear appropriate footwear. If the weather is poor, boots will be considered by the organisers
11. Each team must provide a ball for use during the competition. The under 14,13,12, 11 and under 10 a size 4 and the under 9, 8 and 7 a size 3. In each match the first named team will provide the ball.
12. Any protest arising from eligibility, or qualification of players, or the interpretation of rules shall be referred to the organising committee at the control tent, whose decision shall be final in all matters (subject to rule 13)
13. In the event of any dispute concerning the competition appeals can be lodged with the HERTS FA plus £25 fee in accordance with their rules.
14. Goal Kicks as normal anywhere in the half of the goal area. This can be on either side of the goal area.
15. Over Head height is allowed
16. The goal keeper must throw the ball out under arm after collecting it in his "D"
17. Both defenders and attackers may encroach the "D" (Goalkeeper may come out of the "D" but cannot handle the ball outside the "D")
18. At a free kick, the minimum distance the opponents must be away from the ball will be 3 metres.
19. Two substitutes as roll on roll off may be used in any match from those named on the registration form.