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2019 Tournament Rules & Regulations

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Tournament rules are covered by normal FA Mini-Soccer rules, with the following exceptions and clarifications:

All players must be eligible to play in the appropriate age group for the 2019/20 season. **You must have ID for all players and if requested it must be shown**. Players must be of the correct age of 31st August last year to play.

Mini-Soccer

No player registered with a Premier League or English Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules shall be permitted to play in the tournament.

Substitutes

Under 7s and 8's 5 v 5 with 3 substitutes. Max 8 players per team
Under 9's and under 10s s are 7 v 7 with 3 substitutes. Max 10 players per team
Under 11s through to under 16s are 9 v 9 with 3 substitutes. Max 12 players per team

Responsibilities of the Home Team

The first named team shall provide size 3 balls for the under 7's and 8's, Under 9's, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s and 14s are to provide size 4 balls, for age groups u15 and u16s you are to provide size 5 balls.

The runner, supplied by TEAM HORIZON will return the score ASAP to the registration desk.

In the event of a clash of colours the away team will wear bibs, these are to be provided by you.

Each team should provide a linesman, familiar with the off-side rule for age groups u11 and above.

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Group Stages and Qualification U7 and above

The points for the league stages will be:
3 points for a win
1 point for a draw
0 points for a defeat

Group qualifiers will be decided in order by:
1 – Highest number of points awarded
2 – Greatest Goal Difference
3 – The result between the two teams in the group stages
4 – Greatest number of goals scored
5 – Sudden death penalty shootout. X5 penalties.

In the knockout stages (semi-final & final), if the two teams finish level, extra time will be played. 5 minutes straight.

If the scores are still level, a penalty shoot-out will take place, a minimum of 5 penalties are to be taken, only the players that are on the field of play at the end of the game may take penalties. If after 5 penalties there is no outcome, there will be a sudden death penalty shootout with the remaining players on the pitch. If the scores are still level, then you start again from the beginning with sudden death still taking place. NO substitute players will take any penalties.

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Misconduct

This tournaments Registered Referees are to control all matches and will use the yellow and red card system if necessary.
Red Card - A player who is sent off for misconduct shall NOT be permitted to take any further part in the tournament.
Two yellow cards - in any one match equals a red card and results in a player NOT being permitted to take any further part in the tournament.
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5-a-side and 7-a-side rules

The following mini soccer rules will apply to 5, 7 and 9-a-side age groups:
• All free kicks are direct
• Goalkeepers may NOT pick-up from a pass back
• All age groups – the goalkeeper is permitted to kick the ball from his hands. Goal kicks must be taken from the floor.
• Rolling substitutions are allowed during a stoppage in play and with the permission of the referee
• The referee's decision is Final
• All other FA mini soccer rules will apply

Retreat line only applies to under 7s and 8s!

9-a-side rules

Same rules as above except the following:

- **OFFSIDE RULE, All teams to provide a suitable assistant referee, the referee will provide flags**

Duration of matches

Under 8's through to u15s will be either 10 minutes straight through UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.
In knock out games there will be 5 mins extra time followed by penalties if need be (please see page 3 for ruling)

Referees

Qualified Referees appointed by TEAM HORIZON will officiate and their decisions will be FINAL in all matters relating to the laws of the game and rules of this tournament. No disagreements with the referees will be tolerated.
Any matters arising that are not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the tournament manager. In the event of any dispute the decision of the organising committee will be final.

Miscellaneous
All players must wear shin pads, with all jewellery being removed before the start of play.
All teams must have their own First Aid Kit.
All managers are responsible for ensuring that no single player exceeds the FA guidelines for 'Total playing time in one day.
TEAM HORIZON will NOT be deemed responsible and can accept NO liability whatsoever for any accident, injury or loss that may occur, however caused, throughout the duration of the tournament.
Litter: All teams entering will be provided with a litter bin bag, please ensure all your team/parents/players litter is collected in this bag and put into a bin which will be placed around the field, - please let **ALL** your parents know of this in advance of the day.

Car Park: Programmes will be sold for £2.00 at the entrance of the car park, please ask **ALL** parents to have their monies ready to enable a quick transaction upon entry.

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