



## **2020 Tournament Rules & Regulations**

**30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> May & 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

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 before the 31st August this 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.

### **U7/U8 5 aside - U9 and above 7-a-side Specific Rules**

The following mini soccer rules will apply to the all age groups:

- All free kicks are direct, apart from pass back rule.
- No offsides but normal throw ins.
- Goalkeepers may NOT pick-up from a pass back, indirect free kick given.
- No step restrictions for goalkeepers
- All ages – the goalkeeper can always kick the ball from his hands except for goal kicks.
- Rolling substitutions are allowed at any time with the permission of the referee
- The referee's decision is Final
- All other FA mini soccer rules will apply

### **Duration of Play**

All ages : The matches are 7 minutes each way.

U7/U8 have a maximum of 8 players in their squad, U9 and above squad of 10.

### **Substitutes**

All ages with 3 substitutes. Subs will be roll on, roll off.

### **Responsibilities of the Home Team**

The first named team shall provide size 3 balls for the under 7's 8's, 9's and size 4 balls for ages above. In the event of a clash of colours, the first named team to change their colours. All teams to provide a different set of shirt colour or bib if required.

### **Group Stages and Qualification U9 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 shoot out

### **Knockout Stages**

U7/U8 Group games only. For other age groups 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 occur.

### **Misconduct**

This tournament Registered Referees to control all matches and uses the yellow and red card system where a player cautioned is recorded to the Senior Referee and sent to the County FA.

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. Two yellow cards - in the tournament results in a player NOT being permitted to take part in any further matches in the tournament.

### **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.

Watton Youth Football Club will NOT be deemed responsible and can accept NO liability whatsoever for any accident, injury or loss that may occur, however caused, throughout the tournament.

### **Litter**

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**

Entrance to the car park will be £1, please ask ALL parents to have their monies ready to enable a quick transaction upon entry. Any matters arising that are not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the Club Chairman or Club Committee members.

***Derek Hill - Club Chairman On behalf of Watton Youth FC Committee***