

## THE FA FIVES 2020 – Tournament Rules

- Maximum of seven players in a team – 5 on pitch and 2 subs
- 1 team from each Round One competition will qualify as winners to the Regional Finals (unless otherwise confirmed by the FA FIVES Event Director on the day)
- The tournament format will be organised by THE FA FIVES Event Director and will be briefed into each Team Captain on the day of the Round One event. If a league is part of the tournament format then teams will receive 3 points for a win, 1 for a draw and zero for a loss
- Group standings will be decided on the following basis in the event of teams being tied on points:
  - Head-to-head result / Goal Difference / Goals Scored / Goals Conceded

The only exceptions to this are in the Disability Youth, Under 14 & Under 16 categories where the following process should be applied:

- Head-to-head result
  - Play-off between the 2 teams – An additional match with penalties if required to determine a winner.
- In the event of a draw in the knockout stages of any round, the match will be decided by penalties. The penalties will consist of three (3) rounds followed by ‘sudden death’ penalties if necessary
  - Team captains should send a registration link to all players to register to their team through the FA Events Platform
  - Teams are recommended to arrive no later than 45 minutes before an FA FIVES Event starts
  - All fixtures are to be played unless adverse weather conditions make the pitches unplayable. Any decision to cancel a game will be made by the FA FIVES Event Director.
  - All players should respect referees, FA FIVES Event Venue staff and opponents at all times. Failure to comply with this could result in your team being taken out of the tournament or disciplinary actions being taken. This will be at the discretion of an FA FIVES Events Director or through The FA’s disciplinary team if required.

## THE FA FIVES 2020 – Playing Rules

- Each kickoff will be from the centre spot, the ball is permitted to go backwards & forwards
- The time of each match is to be determined by the FA FIVES EVENT DIRECTOR but each match length will be standardised across the tournament
- No sliding tackles permitted. Players are not allowed to slide or play the ball while the player is on the floor
- Access to penalty areas are restricted only to goalkeepers. Advantage gained by entry into the penalty area by a defender results in a penalty; entry into the penalty area by an attacker results in the goalkeeper being given possession of the ball to re-start the game
- Kick ins should be used to restart play on pitches being played to lines
- Head height rule will apply at 2 metres, the final decision is taken by the referee
- Don’t head the ball, no heading permitted at any point
- Taking free kicks are at the discretion of the referee as to whether they are direct/indirect
- Players must be at least two yards from where any free kick is taken



- No fouls on goalscoring opportunities, denying a goal scoring opportunity (discretion of the referee) should be penalised with a penalty kick
- Players may only take one step towards the ball to take a penalty and must be all one movement, no stopping or stuttering. If a player fails to do it correctly, no retakes will be allowed.
- All yellow cards will be punished with a 2-minute sin bin, a red and a player will be permanently sent off for the match
- A size 5 ball should be used for all rounds of the tournament

#### THE FA FIVES 2020 – Goalkeeping Rules

- All goalkeepers must stay in their area. Goalkeepers leaving the area will result in a penalty
- Goalkeepers can only distribute the ball through underarm throws. Goalkeepers are not allowed to kick the ball deliberately unless in the process of making a save
- After the goalkeeper has distributed the ball, they may only receive a pass if the ball has either touched an opponent or if the ball has been touched by at least two of the goalkeeper's teammates. A free kick should be awarded if this occurs.

#### THE FA FIVES 2020 - Discipline Procedures

The following bans should be administered in the event of:

- Three Cautions result in a 1 match ban for the next match
- A sending off results in a 1 match ban for the next match

In addition The Organising Parties reserve the right to expel any team or Team Member from the tournament if either of them deems that team or Team Member to be acting:

- In an unsportsmanlike fashion;
- Outside the principles of fair play;
- In a way that damages the image of the tournament; or
- Fielding a player or players who do not meet the eligibility criteria.