

Tournament Rules –

Pro Academy Series – UK Summer Cup (U9 – U15)

U9 – 15th May, U10 – 8th May, U11 – 12th June, U12 – 29th May, U13 – 22nd May, U14 – 19th June, U15 – 5th June

1. Competition format

- 1.1. This Competition is the Pro Academy Series- UK Summer Cup and is affiliated to [L][SEP] and sanctioned by the Hertfordshire Football Association. [L][SEP]
- 1.2. The competition is by open-invitation. Applications will only be considered upon receipt of a [L][SEP] fully completed entry form and cleared payment. Entries will be confirmed by the Tournament [L][SEP] coordinator at least 10 days prior to the tournament. [L][SEP]
- 1.3. The competition is tournament format for boy's teams registered to the applicable age groups for this season (2020-2021 season) i.e. U14 players born no earlier than 1st September 2006. The Tournament will feature results, [L][SEP] league tables, a knock out stage for all teams (plate and Cup) and winners Medals will be awarded to the winning squads and the runner-up squads
- 2.2. Each team shall register a squad of players no less than 5 days before the tournament (Squads must be submitted by the Monday)
- 2.3. Squad sizes will vary with age groups with U9 & U10 (7v7 format) registering up to a maximum of 12 players, U11 & U12 (9v9 format) registering up to a maximum of 14 players and U13-U15 (11v11 format) registering up to a maximum of 16 players.

- 2.4. Each registered player shall only play for one team in the tournament. [L][SEP]

- 2.5. Clubs should apply the principle of only including players who were registered to the club [L][SEP] during the 2020/2021 seasons. [L][SEP]

- 2.8. Each team shall appoint an adult as manager. The manager shall be responsible for their [L][SEP] team being registered on arrival and being available to play on the correct pitch at the correct time. The manager is also responsible for adherence to the tournament rules and communication of the rules to their squads' players and supporters. [L][SEP]

- 2.9. All players must wear shin pads and appropriate footwear.

[L][SEP]3. Duration of Matches, Balls & Kit [L][SEP]

- 3.1. U9-U12 matches will be a straight 20 minute match with no half times and U13-U15 matches will be a straight 40 minute match with no half time. [L][SEP] All games will start and end at the same time as signified by the Control room

- 3.3. The tournament will provide match balls for use in each game

- 3.4. In the event of a clash of colours, the first named team should provide alternative shirts. [L][SEP] We advise against the use of bibs on health and safety grounds. If you use bibs you do so at your own risk and must be agreed by both teams and the referee prior to a game starting. Pro Academy Tournaments will not supply bibs due to the current COVID Pandemic so if teams do not bring alternative shirts they will be responsible to bring their own bibs.

- 3.5. The Start and direction to be decided by toss of a coin.

4. Scores & Results [L] [SEP]

- 4.1. The tournament will be played on a League basis with three points for a win and one point for a draw. If a team fails to fulfill a fixture three points are awarded to their opponents with a score recorded as 0-0. All teams will qualify for a knockout tournament, whether it is the Cup or Plate. The knockout draw will be confirmed after the last group game on the day of the tournament. If two or more teams finish equal on points and goal difference (both goals for and against) then positions will be decided using the following criteria in this order: A) results between the teams in question B) penalty shootout.

- 4.1.1 If the teams cannot be separated and option B has to be used, each team can nominate any 5 players from their squad. The team with the highest score from 5 penalties will win. If at the end of the five penalties, the scores remain equal, then it will go to sudden death. In the event of sudden death, the next kicks will be taken by the remaining players yet to take a penalty, and will continue through up to the amount of players registered to the team with the smaller squad size (i.e. if one team has 10 players registered and another has 12 then a maximum of 10 players can take penalties from each team before going back to the beginning)

- 4.2. All knockout matches will be decided by the teams scoring most goals during normal time, if the score is equal after normal time a penalty shootout will decide the winner. [L]
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- 4.3. In all penalty shootouts five players who were on the field of play at the end of the game shall take a penalty alternating with their opponents. The highest score from the five penalties will win. If at the end of the five penalties, the scores remain equal, then it will go to sudden death. In the event of

sudden death, the next kicks will be taken by the remaining players yet to take a penalty on the field of play at full time, and will continue through all remaining players before going back to the start and continuing in the same order, until a winner is found. [L][SEP]

- 4.4. There will be Winners and Runners up medals and trophies in both the Cup and Plate tournaments

5. Playing Rules [L][SEP]

- 5.1. The Laws of Association Football related to youth football will apply (to be as close to the [L][SEP]regular rules played) except where provided for in the playing rules as set out below: [L][SEP]

- 5.2. U9 & U10 shall field 7 players, one of which must be a goalkeeper, U11 & U12 shall field 9 players, one of which must be a goalkeeper and U13, U14 & U15 shall field 11 players one of which must be a goalkeeper. [L][SEP]

- 5.3. Substitutes are roll on, roll off from those named on the registration form. A substituted [L][SEP]player can return in the same match. Referees must be informed of and allow substitutions. The [L][SEP]number of substitutions made during a game is unlimited. [L][SEP]

- 5.4. Goal Kicks will be taken from the normal position

- 5.5. There is no [L][SEP]retreat rule

- 5.6. For all dead ball restarts opponents must be at least 5 metres away from the ball. [L][SEP]

- 5.7. There is no above head height rule. [L][SEP]

- 5.8. There is no off side for U9-U12. [L][SEP]

- 5.9. Throw-ins will be as normal ^[L]_[SEP]
- 5.10. Goal keepers may not pick the ball up from back passes or throw-ins; in the event of this ^[L]_[SEP] happening an indirect free kick will be awarded at the edge of the penalty box at the point where the ball crossed the line.
- 5.11. *A player who is dismissed from the field of play for any reason apart from violent conduct, serious foul play, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour shall be suspended automatically for one match in the Tournament immediately following the match in which he was sent off. This includes two yellow cards received within the same match or a straight red card.*
- 5.12. *A player who is dismissed from the field of play for violent conduct, serious foul play, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour whether he has previously been cautioned in the match or not, shall be suspended automatically for two matches. This commences immediately following the match in which he was sent off. Save for spitting at another person who will be suspended from the tournament and reported to The Football Association.*
- 5.13. *All extraordinary incidents should be reported to The Football Association. In exceptional circumstances the Football Association may deem it necessary to impose a greater sanction.*

^[L]_[SEP]6. Players, Officials and Supporters Conduct ^[L]_[SEP]

- 6.1. This competition uses the yellow and red card system. ^[L]_[SEP]

- 6.2. An accumulation of two yellow cards on a single day in the competition will result in the player being suspended from the next match.

- 6.3. Two yellow cards in one match equal a red card and the player will be sent off.

- 6.4. A player who is cautioned and shown a yellow card will be sin binned for next 3 minutes. The match will continue for example as 8v9 until those 3 minutes are up. Once the 3 minutes are up, the cautioned player will be allowed back into the field of play and the game will continue as 9v9.

- 6.5. The tournament supports the FA Respect campaign. Any player, official or supporter that does not abide by the FA respect guidelines will be asked to leave and may be reported to the relevant County football association.

7. Protests and Appeals

- 7.1. Any protest shall be referred to the organizing committee whose decision shall be final.

8. COVID-19

- 8.1 All teams should fill out a 'Pro Academy tournaments COVID-19' form which gives the names of all players and staff members as well as the contact number of the main coach in case of a COVID outbreak.
- 8.2 All teams must record what players start each game or come on as a substitution in case a player tests positive so we know exactly who that player has come into contact with on the pitch from each team.

- 8.3 All teams must sign a declaration on the day stating that no players or staff members have shown symptoms or have been living with anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days and staff members have made parents aware that if they are showing symptoms themselves or are living with anyone who is showing symptoms they must not attend the tournament.
- 8.4 All players, Staff members and spectators will be scanned with an infrared non contact Thermometer before entering the facility and anyone with a temperature above 37.8 degree's Celsius will not be permitted entry.
- 8.5 All spectators must sign in via the NHS test and trace app where they will scan the QR code to check-in at our venue, alternatively if you can not use the app we will have a sign in sheet for you to complete.