

## **TOULMIN CUP 2021 – SUNDAY 25TH JULY**

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

#### **1. COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION**

The Adult Competition will be known as Toulmin Cup and shall be organized by AFC London Road Football Club. The Clubs participating in the Competition must be affiliated to their parent County Football Association.

The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

#### **2. APPLICATION AND ENTRY FEE**

Clubs shall enter the tournament by submitting an application form to the tournament organizer by the date determined by the management committee. Any applications submitted after the entry date shall be allowed at the discretion of the management committee. The application form must include details of the team officials who will be accompanying the team on the day.

The entry fee shall be payable with the application for and shall be set accordingly by the competition management committee.

#### **3. INSURANCE & AFFILIATION**

All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover and be affiliated to their relevant FA prior to the week of the tournament, otherwise they will be unable to compete in the tournament.

#### **4. MISCONDUCT**

As per FA regulations

#### **5. MATCH RELATED RULES**

##### **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

A list of players to be used by the team shall be submitted to the tournament organizers by 9am on the day of the tournament.

Squads must be made up of no more than 20 players – with only 5 subs permitted to be used per game on a roll on roll off basis.

All teams are required to provide two match balls to the referee at the start of each game.

##### **CLUB COLOURS**

Every Club must register the colour of its home shirts and shorts with the competition on the entry form.

All clubs must bring a change of kit with them in case of a colour clash.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the team listed as second on the fixture shall be deemed the “away side” and therefore must change.

Shirts must be numbered.

#### **9. TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES**

Opening games will KO at 9.30am

In the situation of an abandonment – the referee will pass his report onto the tournament event organisers to make a decision on the specific situation and if one side should be awarded the game.

On occasions the event organisers cannot unanimously decide the fate of the game, a 0-0 draw will be awarded as the final result.

All Matches shall be played on pitches provided by the competition, competing clubs will be advised of their respective pitch and kick off times before the day of the tournament, with a location map for the pitches on site.

#### **10. REPORTING RESULTS**

With each official having their own group/ pitch to officiate, they will report the results to the spare official between each game at the 'results hub' in the center of the playing fields

## **11. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP**

7 Groups of 4 teams, split into two sections (section 1 = 16-teams, section 2 = 12-teams) and each team in the group playing each other once

Each match will last 30-minutes one way with a 5 to 10-minute interval between games.

The group will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a draw after all teams in the group have played each other. The group winners and runners up going through to the next round.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the group the rankings shall be determined by:

The team with the better goal difference

The team having scored the most goals

The head-to-head results between the teams who are level.

Penalty shoot-out if all of the above level

Once the group positions have been determined the top 8 teams from section 1 and the top 4 teams from section 2 shall go forward to the knockout stage.

The knockout stages will consist of quarter finals/semi-finals/finals in section 1 and semi-finals/final in section 2.

In the knockout stages, if the scores are level after 30-minutes, the tie will go straight to a penalty shoot-out.

## **12. MATCH OFFICIALS**

(A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) shall be appointed for each game by the Management Committee. The management committee shall only appoint referees affiliated to a county Football Association. The competition must NOT appoint unaffiliated officials. If in doubt about the eligibility

Match Officials will be paid a fee of £60-£80 for the tournament, dependent on length of time refereed (some only required for AM, some all day).

A 'head ref' will be allocated to distribute referees to selected pitches throughout the day