

Rules of The GT United Youth Tournament

1. COMPETITION

- 1.1. This Competition will be known as GT United Tournament
- 1.2. This competition will take place at Southbury Leisure Centre, Enfield, EN1 1YP on Saturday 31st July 2021 and Sunday 1st August 2021
- 1.3. The Competition shall be sanctioned by Hertfordshire FA. The competition, all clubs and players and other persons shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Association.
- 1.4. The competition is by open invitation/closed invitation. Applications will only be considered upon receipt of a fully completed entry form and cleared payment. Entries will be confirmed by the Tournament Organiser at least seven days prior to the tournament.

2. AFFILIATION

- 2.1. All clubs must be affiliated to a County Football Association, during the playing season of 2020/2021. If no affiliation to a county FA no entry to the competition.
- 2.2. No team must enter this competition in the name of an affiliated club without the full knowledge and authority of that club.
- 2.3. An entry fee of £35 per 5-side team and £40 per 7-side team shall be payable by BACS 7 days before the Competition date.

3. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 3.1. The Management Committee shall have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the rules of the competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the competition.
- 3.2. A Management Committee member shall be appointed to organise the competition. This is the Chair: Matthew Kerr

4. AGE GROUPS

- 4.1. Age groups for teams will be those for the 2020/2021 season.
- 4.2. The Competition shall be divided into the following age groups: U7 U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 of mixed male and female teams.

5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 5.1. Each team shall register a squad of players on the day of the competition, with a maximum of 10 players per team.
- 5.2. Before the commencement of the Competition, all clubs shall produce a list of players eligible to participate (together with details of their dates of birth if playing Youth Football). All players shall be bona fide members of their listed club.
- 5.3. A Player may not play for more than one team throughout the duration of the tournament.
- 5.4. Each team shall appoint a manager. The manager shall be responsible for their 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.
- 5.5. All players must wear shin pads and appropriate footwear.

6. FORMAT

- 6.1. The format of this Competition is Development. League format of groups of 5 teams (entries dependent). 3 points for win, 1 point for draw and 0 points for loss. Top 2 teams from each group will qualify for knockout stages. If 2 teams are tied with same points, then it will be decided on goal difference. If goal difference is the tied it will be decided on a head to head game. If the head to head is a tie then will be decided on goals scored so far

in tournament. If goals scored are tied it will go on least goals conceded. If conceded goals are tied it will be decided on a coin toss called by 1st alphabetically named team.

6.2. The Formats for each Age Groups is listed below:

U7	Mini Soccer	5-aside
U8	Mini Soccer	5-aside
U9	Mini Soccer	7-aside
U10	Mini Soccer	7-aside
U11	Mini Soccer	7-aside
U12	Mini Soccer	7-aside
U13	Mini Soccer	7-aside
U14	Mini Soccer	7-aside

7. DURATION OF MATCHES & BALLS

- 7.1. All matches will be 10 minutes in total
- 7.2. There will be no half time
- 7.3. In the event of a draw in the knockout competition extra time of 3 minutes shall be Played each way. If after extra time the scores are still level kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 7.4. All teams are responsible for ensuring players' playing time does not exceed The FA's guidelines on maximum playing time for children.
- 7.5. Each Team will register its colours with the Competition when returning their application form. Should there be a clash of colours a changed strip can be worn or bibs can be used by the 2nd named team.
- 7.6. No Team playing in the competition shall play in predominantly black, navy or any other colour that does not clearly distinguish players from the referee.

8. SCORES & RESULTS

- 8.1. The kick-off will be decided by the toss of a coin with the first named team's captain making the call. The winner of the coin toss will select which goal they wish to attack. The other team shall be awarded the kick off.

9. PLAYING RULES

- 9.1. The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Football Association. Matches will be played in conformity with the laws of Mini-Soccer or Small Side Football (dependent on age groups) or Laws of the Game as issued by The Football Association.
- 9.2. Substitutes are roll on, roll off from those named on the registration form. A substituted player can return in the same match. Referees must be informed of and allow substitutions. The number of substitutions made during a game is unlimited.

10. PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS CONDUCT

- 10.1. This competition uses the yellow and red card system.
- 10.2. An accumulation of two yellow cards on a single day in the competition will result in the player being suspended from the next match.
- 10.3. Two yellow cards in one match equals a red card and the player will be sent off.
- 10.4. A player who receives a red card (either straight red or for two yellow cards in the same match) will not be permitted to take any further part in the Competition.
- 10.5. All cautions and red cards will be dealt with on the day of the match.
- 10.6. Any misconduct from the tournament will be reported to Hertfordshire FA by the referee as normal.

11. REPORTING RESULTS

- 11.1. The referee shall be responsible for reporting the result of the game to the Committee at the conclusion of each game.

12. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 12.1. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee, whose decision on the matter shall be final and binding for the duration of the competition.
- 12.2. No objection relative to the dimensions of the playing area or other appurtenances thereon shall be entertained by the Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the game.
- 12.3. Any Appeals against the decision of the Management Committee must be made to Hertfordshire FA within 14 days of the notification of the decision

13. REFEREES

- 13.1. Referees shall be appointed by the Competition.
- 13.2. Referees shall, if they choose to accept it, be paid a fee of £60 per day.

14. MISCONDUCT

- 14.1. Serious misconduct must be sent to the Parent Association of the offending team

15. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 15.1. DEVELOPMENT - Please be aware that all ages are permitted to play in Competitions where results are collected and/or published and/or winner's trophies are presented, including those that are not normally permitted to do so during the season. However, this must be specified in the space below. Collecting and publishing results for U7 U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14