



# Little Heath FC Tournament Rules 19/06/21 & 20/06/21

## 1. Competition Format

1.1 This Competition is called “Little Heath FC Summer Tournament” and is sanctioned by the Hertfordshire County FA

1.2. The competition is by open-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. Teams will be vetted according to their ability, to ensure the tournament remains competitive for all.

1.3 The Tournament will be split into 4 sections (own tournaments) Saturday AM, Saturday PM, Sunday AM, Sunday PM

Saturday AM	Open Aged (Adults)
Saturday PM	Open Aged (Adults)
Sunday AM	Open Aged (Adults)
Sunday PM	U16

1.4 Each tournament section shall consist of 16 teams with a group stage of 4 teams per group, each playing one another once. The top 2 teams after the group stage shall progress to the knockout rounds (1/4 finals) (1/2 Finals) (Final).

1.5 Should there be less than 16 teams per section, then group sizes will be re-evaluated, as well as the teams progressing. E.g. if only 8 teams per section, then 2 groups of 4, all progressing to ¼ finals.

1.6 4x Pitches have been secured at the venue, Verulamium Park, St Albans – allowing for 1 group per pitch. Details shall be communicated at the managers briefing on the day.

## 2. Age Groups, Squads & Player Qualification

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2.1. Age groups will relate to the 2020/21 season.

2.2. Each team shall register a squad of players on the day of the competition.

2.3. Each team may register a squad of up to 16 players.

2.4. Each registered player shall only play for one team throughout the duration of the tournament.

2.5. 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.

2.6. All players must wear shin pads and appropriate footwear.

2.7 Matches shall be played with the FA standard 11 players, with up to 5 substitutes named from their squad.

### 3. Duration of Matches & Balls

3.1. All matches will be 25 minutes in duration total. The games will be played straight through without half time.

3.2. All teams are responsible for considering players' playing time does not exceed the FA's guidelines on maximum playing time for children.

3.3. In each match the first named team will provide an appropriate quality and correct sized match ball.

3.4. In the event of a clash of colours, the second named team should provide alternative shirts / bibs.

### 4. Scores & Results

4.1. All Group stage games will follow traditional league format, 3pts for a win, 1pt for a draw. Group stage will be decided in the order of: Points, Goal Difference, Goals Scored, Head to head. Should two teams still be level after this process – a standard penalty shootout shall decide the team to progress.

4.2 All knockout matches will be decided by the teams scoring the most goals during normal time. If the score is equal after normal time, a standard penalty shootout will decide the winner.

### 5. Playing Rules

5.1. The Laws of association football will apply.

5.2. Substitutes are roll on, roll off from those named on the registration form. A substituted player can return in the same match. Referee's must be informed of and allow substitutions. The number of substitutions made during a game is unlimited.

## 6. Players, Officials and Supporters Conduct

6.1. This competition uses the yellow and red card system. If a player receives a yellow card in the tournament, this shall be treated as a sin-bin of 10 minutes. This yellow card (sin bin) system will also be applied for dissent. Serious dissent (e.g. threatening abuse) can be treated as a red card at the referee's discretion.

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 equals a red card and the player will be sent off.

6.4. 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.

6.5. All cautions and red cards will be dealt with on the day of the match.

6.6. Any misconduct from the tournament will be reported to County FA by the referee as normal.

## 7. Reporting Results

7.1. Winning team shall be responsible for reporting the result of the game to the result co-ordinator at the conclusion of each game. Should the game end in a draw, the referee will nominate a team to report the result.

## 8. Protests and Appeals

8.1. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of Rules shall be referred to the Tournament Committee, but 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.

## 9. Referees

9.1. Referees shall be appointed by the Competition.

## 10. Medals and trophies

10.1 The cup winning side shall receive a Trophy