



# **ROYSTON TOWN YOUTH FC**

## **Tournament Playing Rules**

### **Junior 2021**



Tournament rules are covered by normal FA rules for mini soccer 9 v 9 and 11 v 11, with the following exceptions and clarifications:

1. This competition shall be known as the Royston Town Youth Tournament & Festival invitation 5-a-side and 6-a-side tournament and shall be affiliated to the Herts County F.A and will be played at Eternit Sports & Social Club, Whaddon Road, Meldreth, SG8 5RL.
2. The competition shall be designated Under 12, U11, U10 and U9. The U8, U7 and U6 will be played as "fun football" and will not be part of any competition.
3. The competition shall be designated Under 12, U11, U10 and U9 all of whose players on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 of the current season are Under 12, U11, U10 and U9 years.
4. The under 8s, under 7s and U6s play a 5-a-side tournament and only play friendly matches and each player for these age groups receive the same trophy.
5. No teams in the U12, U11, U10 or U9 Sections shall include players with an age difference of more than two years and these age groups will play a 6-a-side tournament.
6. All players must be eligible to play in the appropriate age group for the 2020/21 season. You must have ID for all players and if requested it must be shown. Players must be of the correct age before the 31<sup>st</sup> August this year to play.
7. Any player playing in the under 6 category must be eligible to play under 7s in season 2021/22 and have attained the age of 6 by the day of the tournament.
8. All competing players shall be registered members of the club they represent at the time of the competition. Each team shall register a maximum 8 players for U6, U7 and U8's, and 9 players for U9, U10, U11 and U12 on the day of the competition. Each registered player shall only play for one team. Team can be of mixed gender players up to under 12. Up to a maximum of two guests are allowed per team.
9. There is no offside rule.
10. The competition will be played on a league basis, 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. If teams are tied on points then goal difference will decide who qualifies, if the teams are still tied then the team with the better 'Goals For' will go through, if they are still tied then result of the match between the two teams will decide, if this is still identical then penalties will decide. (This will also be used to decide 1st, 2nd and 3rd place). If the knockout games are tied at the end of normal time then extra time will be played and if still tied then penalties will decide the result.
11. In the event of a team withdrawing from the competition 3 pts will be awarded to the opposition team and a 0 – 0 score line will be recorded for goal difference purposes.
12. Duration of play in all matches will be 10 minutes (U6, U7, U8) and 12 minutes (U9, U10, U11, U12) straight, time permitting, extra time for knockout matches shall be 5 minutes straight. All teams will get a minimum of 4 games.
13. All teams are responsible for considering players playing time does not exceed the FA's guidelines on maximum playing time for children.

14. Penalties. Five (number shall be either 3 or 5 depending on round) players from each side who are on the field of play at the end of playing time shall take a penalty for his team alternating with their opponents. If at the end of this series the scoring remains equal, sudden death will come into operation.
15. A player who is sent off for misconduct shall not be permitted to take any further part in the competition, he may be replaced (by a team mate nominated on the team sheet) for subsequent matches, but not in the match during which he was sent off. This competition uses the BLUE Card system where a player booked is sent to a sin bin for 2 minutes but the booking is not sent to Herts FA but recorded by the Senior Referee. Two blue (yellow) cards in any one match equal a red card, whereas an accumulation of two blue (yellow) cards in the tournament results in a player being excluded from any subsequent matches. Registered Referees shall control all matches where possible and all misconduct or straight red card offences will be reported by the referees to the appropriate County FA.
16. In the event of any dispute, appeals can be lodged with the Herts FA.
17. Goal kicks will be taken from anywhere inside the penalty area but it must not pass the half way line, otherwise a free kick will be awarded from the halfway line.
18. Goalkeeper must throw ball out under arm after collecting it in hands, from their designated area and it must not go pass the half way line, without any player touching it otherwise a free kick will be awarded from the halfway line.
19. Defenders and attackers are allowed in goalkeeper's area, goalkeepers are allowed out of their area but must not handle ball outside of their area.
20. At a free kick, the minimum distance the opponents must be away from the ball is 3 yards. All free kicks are direct.
21. When the ball goes out for a throw-in, the player taking the throw-in must throw the ball under arm to re start play.
22. Rolling substitutes may be used in any match from those names on the registration form and need to be approved by the referee.