

TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES OF THE CCYFC COMPETITION/TOURNAMENT

1. Competition Format

1.1 This Competition is called CCYFC Annual 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.

2. Age Groups, Squads & Player Qualification

2.1. Age groups will relate to the 2021-2022 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 8 players for the 5 aside matches and 10 for the 7 a side

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.

3. Duration of Matches & Balls

3.1. All matches will be 12 minutes in duration straight through.

3.2. There will no Half time

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

3.4. Correct sized match balls will be provided.

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

4. Scores & Results

4.1. The competition shall be played on an initial league basis for all age groups.

U7/U8 Boys and U8/U9 Girls will be played on a non competitive basis. For all other age groups Tournament shall be played on a normal league basis. The top 2 teams in each group will go through to the Cup competition, those placed 3rd and 4th will be placed in the Plate competition. (note for u12 only the top 2 best performing 3rd placed teams will go through to the Plate)

- 1) Goal difference (averaged if the number of games played is different)
- 2) The result between the teams involved
- 3) Goals scored (averaged if the number of games played is different)
- 4) A toss of a coin

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, kicks from the penalty mark will decide the winner in accordance with IFAB procedures.

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.

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. The winning team shall be responsible for reporting the result of the game to the result co-ordinator at the conclusion of each game.

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 following will receive a medal:

Non Competitive ages, everyone gets a medal

For the Competitive ages, the Cup and Plate Winners, Runners-up, will receive a trophy and individual medals.