

TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES OF THE CUFFLEY FC MINI FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

1. Competition Format

1.1 This Competition is called Cuffley FC Mini Soccer 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 2021/22 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 U7-U8 - 8 players, U9-U10 - 10 players, U11-U12-U13 - 9 players, U14-U15 - 8 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.

3. Duration of Matches & Balls

3.1. All matches will be minutes 10 in duration (straight through).

3.2. No half times

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

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.

Three points for a win, one for a draw. The team finishing first and second in their group will qualify for the knockout stage*. If two or more teams finish with the same number of points, then the highest placed team will be determined by:

- the result of their head-to-head match,
- then goal difference,
- then the team that has scored the most goals.
- kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

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, an extra 6 minutes will be played. If the score is equal after extra 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.

5.3 The off-side rule doesn't apply.

6. Players, Officials and Supporters Conduct

6.1. This competition uses the Blue card system instead of yellow cards.

The options for a match official imposing disciplinary sanctions are therefore:

6.2. Players issued with a red card immediately and suspended from play 2 minutes in the sin bin the booking is not sent to the Herts FA but recorded by the senior Referee.

6.3. Player who receives a second blue card in a game or in the competition is immediately and permanently excluded from play and the remainder of the competition

6.4. If a player has received one or more Blue cards in the competition, it is the manager's responsibility to inform the referee of each subsequent game before kick-

off. Any failure to do so will result in 3 points being deducted from the group stages or the team forfeiting that game

6.5. A player who is permanently excluded from play may be replaced by a team ,during which he was sent off.

6.6. Registered Referees shall control all matches where possible and all misconduct or straight red card offences will be reported to the Herts FA.

7. Reporting Results

7.1. The referee / 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: Winners, Runners-up, and some age groups will receive participation medals.