

TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES OF THE 'HITCHIN BELLES U11S 9-A-SIDE FRIENDLIES' EVENT

1. Competition Format

1.1 This Competition is called 'Hitchin Belles U11s 9-a-side friendlies' and is sanctioned by the Hertfordshire County FA

1.2. The event is by invitation only. No fees are applicable.

2. Age Groups, Squads & Player Qualification

2.1. Age groups will relate to the 21/22 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 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.

3. Duration of Matches & Balls

3.1. All matches will be 30 minutes in duration (per half or straight through).

3.2. Half time will be no longer than 2 minutes.

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. Playing Rules

4.1. The Laws of association football will apply.

4.2. 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.

4.3 The off-side rule does apply.

5. Players, Officials and Supporters Conduct

5.1. This competition uses the yellow and red card system.

5.2. An accumulation of two yellow cards on a single day in the competition will result in the player being suspended from the next match.

5.3. Two yellow cards in one match equals a red card and the player will be sent off.

5.4. 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.

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

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

6. Referees

6.1. Referees shall be appointed by the Competition.

7. Medals and Trophies

7.1. There are no winners and losers at the event, therefore no medals and trophies. This is designed purely to help a number of teams practise 9-a-side football, and be a fun learning experience for all involved.