



Berkhamsted Raiders Community Football Club

Kitcheners Field, Castle Hill, Berkhamsted, HP4 1HE



TOURNAMENT RULES

Rules of Berkhamsted Raiders Boys Tournament for Sunday 11th June 2023

Competition Format

1.1 This Competition is called Berkhamsted Raiders (Boys) Tournament

The team sizes per game will vary depending on age group:

- U7-U8 will be a 5-a-side Fair Play Festival in groups, with a medal for every player.
- U9-U12 will be a 6v6 league and knock-out format.
- U13-U14 will be a 9v9 league and knock-out format

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 2022/2023 season.

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

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

2.4 Each team may register an unlimited squad of players but to avoid disappointment and maximise playing time, please bring 'manageable' squad sizes.

2.5. 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 10 minutes in duration (one way).

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



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U7, U8's, U9's, U10's will use size 3 footballs

U11s, U12s, U13s, U14's will use size 4 footballs.

3.5. In the event of a clash of team colours, the first named team should provide alternative shirts / bibs. Teams (including goalkeepers, may not play in black or dark coloured shirts that will clash with the referee. Goalkeepers must wear a shirt colour that is different from their own teams and their opponents.

4. Scores & Results

4.1. The competition shall be played on an initial league basis for all age groups. In the U7s and U8's there will be no knock-out stages or penalty shootouts to decide group position and games will end after the group stages with medals for all participants.

For U9s and older the top two teams in each group will progress to the knock out stages, there will be 3 points for a WIN, 1 point for a DRAW and 0 points for a LOSS. If teams are level on points at the end of the group stages, position in group and hence progression is decided on

- the result of their head-to-head match,
- then goal difference,
- most goals scored divided by number of games played.
- 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, kicks from the penalty mark will decide the winner in accordance with IFAB procedures.

4.3 Extra Time: Semi Finals and Finals will be decided by the teams scoring the most goals during normal time. If the score is equal after normal time, extra time of 6 minutes straight will be played. If the score is equal after extra time, Kicks from the penalty mark will decide the winner (4.4)

5. Playing Rules

5.1. The Laws of Association football will apply except where specified otherwise.

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 in this Tournament.

5.4 At kick offs:

- The ball can be played in any direction by the kicker.
- The opposing players must stand at least 3 metres away from the ball and be in their own half of the field of play.
- You cannot score directly from a kick off. If the ball did go directly into the opponents goal it would be a goal kick (see goal kick procedures for different age groups) to that team.



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If the ball went into a teams own goal directly from a kick off, it would be a corner kick to their opponents.

5.5 Normal procedures for corner kicks and throw-ins are permitted.

5.6 The “no back pass” rules will apply as in a normal game for all age groups. If the goalkeeper deliberately touches the ball with their hands or picks the ball up, the referee should award an indirect free kick to the opposing team at the nearest point on the edge of the goal area.

5.7 Opposing players must stand at least 3 metres from the ball at any free kick or corner kick and at least 2 metres away from the touchline at a throw in.

5.8 The Retreat Line rule is in play for mini soccer (U7-U10). The opposing team must retreat to the halfway line before the goalkeeper takes the goal kick.

5.9 Goalkeepers, normal FA rules apply, with regards to a goalkeeper handling the ball in their own goal area and kicking it from open play except:

- for U7s & U8s drop kicks and any type of throw out are allowed. Goal-kicks are to be taken from anywhere within the penalty area.
- For U9s, & U10's, goal-kicks must be taken from the goal line.
- For U9's and older there are no drop kicks. The goalkeeper must use underarm throw outs, or may release the ball onto the ground and then kick the ball from the ground.
- For U11's and older there are no goal-kicks. The goalkeeper must use underarm throw outs.
- If a throw out is not underarm the referee should stop the game and tell the goalkeeper to throw the ball out again.

6. Players, Officials and Supporters Conduct

6.1. This competition uses the yellow and red card system for misconduct for players, substitutes and managers / coaches.

6.2. A player receiving a yellow card in a match will be suspended from playing in the teams 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/scoring desk at the conclusion of each game.

7.2. The referee will hand the winning team manager a slip of paper confirming the match result on it after the game and this slip needs to be taken to the result co-ordinator.

If a match is drawn, the referee should hand the slip to the first named team to hand it in.



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7.3. This must be done asap after the conclusion of the match so that the result is recorded and the Tournament admin runs smoothly.

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.

8.2. Such protests and appeals can only be made by the team manager and not by other individuals.

9. Referees

9.1. Registered referees shall be appointed by the Competition.

9.2. Referees will be managed by the Tournament Referee Co-ordinator

10. Medals and trophies

10.1 The following will receive medal or trophies

- All U7s & U8's will receive participation medals and are in a fair play festival.
- There will be a Cup and Plate Competition in the U9 – U14 age groups. The winners of the Cup and the Plate will receive winners' medals and a trophy. The runners up will receive runners up medals.