Rules of the Hatfield Comet Youth FC Football Tournament

1. Competition Format

1.1. This Competition shall be called Hatfield Comet Youth FC Summer Football tournament and is sanctioned by the Hertfordshire FA.

1.2. The competition is by invitation in the first instance then will be an 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 22/23 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 - 5 aside = 8 Players

U9 & U10 - 7 aside = 12 Players

U11 & U12 - 9 aside = 14 players

U13, U15 & U17/18 - 11 aside = 18 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 5 aside & 7aside matches these will be 10 minutes in duration.

9 aside will be 12 minutes in duration.

11 aside matches will be 12 minutes in duration.

3.2. There will be 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.

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 a league basis for all age groups.

Three points for a win, one for a draw. 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.

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 does not apply to 5 aside & 7 aside games.

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 Hertfordshire FA by the referee as normal.

6.7. The tournament will use the Sin bin system any player cautioned for dissent offences will be sent to the sin bin for 2 minutes. The caution will be recorded but not sent to the County FA.

7. Reporting Results

7.1. The referee 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:

Everyone (Non-competitive age groups U7 & U8).

Winners, Runners-up (Competitive age groups U9 – U17/18).