



RULES OF THE SOCCER ELITE CUP COMPETITION U7's – U13's

1. Competition Format

- 1.1 This Competition is called Soccer Elite Easter Cup 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 2022/23 season.
- 2.2 Each team shall register a squad of players on the day of the competition.
- 2.3 U7's and U8's will play 5 aside and may register a squad of up to 8 players.
- 2.4 U9's and U10's will play 7 aside and may register a squad of up to 10 players.
- 2.5 U11's and U12's will play 9 a side and may register a squad of up to 13 players.
- 2.6 U13's will play 11 a side and may register a squad of up to 16 players.
- 2.7 Each registered player shall only play for one team throughout the duration of the tournament.
- 2.8 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.
- 2.9 All players must wear shin pads and appropriate footwear.

3. Duration of Matches & Balls

- 3.1 U7's to U10's will be 10 minutes in duration with no half time.
U11's to U13's will be 15 minutes in duration with no half time.
- 3.2 All teams are responsible for considering players' playing time does not exceed the FA's guidelines on maximum playing time for children

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

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

4. Scores & Results

- 4.1 Group games will be given points, 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss. 1st and 2nd place will then proceed into the Gold Cup Semi Final and 3rd and 4th Place will go into the Silver Cup Semi Final.

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 If Semi-Final or Final is a draw, there will be no extra time it will go straight to penalties to determine 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 and details of these offences will be reported by the referee immediately after each match to the Tournament Organiser, who shall administer fully the requirements under Rule 6.
- 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 referee shall be responsible for reporting the result of the game to the resultco-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

The following will receive a medal: Winners Trophy

