

TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES OF WELWYN PEGASUS GIRLS TOURNAMENT 10TH & 11TH June 2023 U9's (5 a side), U10's, U11's & U12's (7 a side)

1. Competition Format

1.1 This Competition is called Welwyn Pegasus Girls 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 22/23 season.

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

2.3. Each U9 team may register a squad of up to 8 players. Each U10-U12 team may register a squad of up to 10 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 10 or 12 minutes in duration (straight through) dependent on number of teams in each group.

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. The Tournament Organiser 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 of the Gold Cup.

The team finishing third and fourth in their group will qualify for the knockout stage of the Silver Cup.

If two or more teams finish with the same number of points, then the highest placed team will be determined by:

-then, the result of their head-to-head match

-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 In the event of there not being 16 teams in each age group on the day of the tournament, qualification to the knockout matches will be revised but communicated to all managers before the first game.

4.3 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 5 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.

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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.
- 5.4 Normal procedures for throw ins and corner kicks.
- 5.5 The "No back pass" rule will apply as in a normal game for all age groups. If the goalkeeper deliberately touches the ball with their hands or picks up the ball the referee should award an indirect free kick to the opposing team at the nearest point on the edge of the goal area.
- 5.6 The retreat line rule is in place for all age groups
- 5.7 Players are not permitted to shoot direct from kick off

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 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 Welwyn Pegasus FC.

10. Medals and trophies

10.1 Competition winners at each age group will receive a winner's trophy and a medal. Runners up will receive a medal.