



WELWYN GARDEN CITY PANSHANGER FOOTBALL CLUB

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2018 Tournament Rules & Regulations

Mini-Soccer

Substitutes

Under 6's, U7's & U8's 5 v 5 with 3 substitutes.
Under 9's, & U10's 7 v 7 with 3 substitutes
Under 11's, & U12's 9 v 9 with 5 substitutes.

Clash of colours

In the event of a clash of colours, the first named team to change their colours. All teams to provide a different set of shirt colour if required.

Responsibilities of the Home Team

The first named team shall provide size 3 balls for the under, 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's and size 4 balls for the under 10's, 11's and U12s.

The winning team shall return the score ASAP to the registration desk. If no winning team, the home team shall return the score.

U6 & U7 only will be a Fair Play Festival in groups, with a medal for every player – there is **NO** knockout competition in U6 & U7 age group.

Group Stages and Qualification U8 and above

The points for the league stages will be:

3 points for a win
1 point for a draw
0 points for a defeat

Group qualifiers will be decided in order by:-

- 1 – Highest number of points awarded
- 2 – Greatest Goal Difference
- 3 – The result between the two teams in the group stages
- 4 – Greatest number of goals scored
- 5 – Sudden death penalty shoot out

Knockout Stages

In the knockout stages (semi-final & final), if the two teams finish level, extra time will be played. 4 minutes straight.

If the scores are still level, a penalty shoot-out will occur, starting with a maximum 5 penalties to be taken, only the players that are on the field of play at the end of the game may take penalties. If after 5 penalties there is no outcome, there will be a sudden death penalty shootout with the remaining players on the pitch. If the scores are still level then you start again from the beginning with sudden death still taking place. NO substitute players will take any penalties.



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Misconduct

A player who is sent off for misconduct shall not be permitted to take any further part in the tournament, he may be replaced (by a team mate nominated on the team sheet) for subsequent matches, but not in the match during which he was sent off. This tournament uses the yellow and red card system where a player cautioned is recorded to the Senior Referee and also sent to the County FA. Two yellow cards in any one match equals a red card, whereas an accumulation of two yellow cards in the tournament results in a player being excluded from any subsequent matches. Registered Referees shall control all matches where possible and all misconduct or straight red card offences will be reported by the referees to the appropriate County FA.

5-a-side; 7-a-side Specific Rules

The following mini soccer rules will apply to 5 & 7-a-side age groups:

- All free kicks are direct
- No offsides
- Goalkeepers may NOT pick-up from a pass back (except 6's 7's and 8's).
- No step restrictions for goalkeepers
- All age groups – the goalkeeper can kick the ball from his hands at all times except for goal kicks. When these must be taken from the floor.
- Rolling substitutions are allowed at any time with the permission of the referee
- The referee's decision is ABSOLUTELY final
- All other F.A. mini soccer rules will apply

9-a-side Specific Rules

The following rules will apply to all 9-a-side age groups:

- All teams to provide a suitable assistant referee, the Referee will provide flags.
- Goalkeepers may NOT pick-up from a pass back
- Goal kicks from the floor can be taken anywhere inside the penalty area.
- Rolling substitutions are allowed at any time with the permission of the referee
- The referee's decision is ABSOLUTELY final
- All other FA 9-a-side rules will apply

Duration of Play

Under 6's & 7's: The matches are 8 minutes straight.

All games will be played as non-competitive, no tables shall be kept and every child will receive a memento for taking part.

Under 8's: The matches are 10 minutes straight.

Under 9's: The matches are 10 minutes straight.

Under 10's: The matches are 10 minutes straight.

Under 11's: The matches will be 12 minutes straight.

Under 12's: The matches will be 12 minutes straight.



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Youth – U13 upwards

Tournament rules are covered by normal FA rules, with the following exceptions and clarifications:

All players must be eligible to play in the appropriate age group for the 2016/17 season. You **must** have ID for all players and if requested it must be shown.

No Academy or Centre of Excellence players are permitted. No player may play for more than one team during this tournament.

Each Team may have up to 16 (sixteen) players in their squad. Substitutes will be roll on, roll off as permitted by the Referee.

All matches will be competitive with semi-finals and finals for the top two teams in each group. There will be medals for the runners up & winners.

Match duration will be 15 minutes in all ages U13 upwards but will be played straight, i.e., no half time interval or turn-around.

Match balls: U13's, U14's will use size 4 footballs; Under 15's will use size 5 footballs. The first named team in each tie will provide the correct sized match ball.

In the event of a colour clash the first named team shall change shirt colour.

The first named team has choice of ends and the second named team has kick off.

Each team should provide a clubs linesman, familiar with the off-side rule.

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Referees

Qualified Referees appointed by Panshanger FC will officiate and their decisions will be FINAL in all matters relating to the laws of the game and rules of this tournament. No disagreements with the referees will be tolerated. Any matters arising that are not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the tournament manager. In the event of any dispute the decision of the organising committee will be final.

Miscellaneous

All players must wear shin pads, with all jewellery being removed before the start of play.

All teams must have their own First Aid Kit.

All managers are responsible for ensuring that no single player exceeds the F.A. guidelines for 'Total playing time in one day.

Panshanger Football Club will NOT be deemed responsible and can accept NO liability whatsoever for any accident, injury or loss that may occur, however caused, throughout the duration of the tournament.

All teams entering will be provided with a litter bin bag, please ensure all your team/parents/players litter is collected in this bag and put into a bin which will be placed around the field, - please let **ALL** your parents know of this in advance of the day.

All cars entering into Moneyhole Lane car park will be charged a £2 entrance fee which includes a tournament program & a car parking space – please let **ALL** parents know of this in advance of the day, so they can have their monies ready

Any matters arising that are not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the club Chairman or Club Committee members.

Nige Pitt

Club Secretary

On behalf of Panshanger FC Committee