

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS 2010

Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 Mini & Girls Age Groups.



1. The Tournament is for Club sides in the Under 7 to Under 11 mini age groups, who must be affiliated to a County Football Association. Players age restrictions as per FA instructions (i.e. Under 7s must still be 6, Under 8s must still be 7, 9s must still be 8, Under 10s must still be 9 and Under 11s must still be 10 as at as at Midnight 31st August 2009. Players must have reached their 6th birthday by 31st August 2009 to participate.
2. Teams shall consist of a maximum of 10 players per game and a minimum of 6 players, of which 7 players can be on the field of play at any one time. Substitutions can be made at any time during the play and at half time with the referee's permission. A player previously substituted can return to the game only as a further substitution.
3. All available squad players should be used in games.
4. The maximum size of the pitch shall be a maximum of a maximum of 60 yards x 40 yards for 7 a side.
5. The penalty box will be 18 yards x 10 yards.
6. Each team must provide a size 3 football in respect of Under 7 & Under 8 age groups and a size 4 football in respect of the Under 9, 10, 11 age groups & Girls.
7. The goal size is 12ft x 6 ft (with net).
8. Players will be restricted to a maximum of 45 minutes, for Under 7 & Under 8 age groups, and 60 minutes for Under 9 & Under 10 & Under 11 mini age groups and Girls in any one day. There will be a maximum 5 minutes half time break.
9. No restrictions on the amount of players allowed in the penalty area.
10. Normal throw-in rules as per Laws of Mini Soccer.
11. Kick-Off as normal.
12. All free kicks are direct.
13. Penalties to be taken from a mark 8 yards from the goal line opposite the centre of the goal
14. No offside rule.
15. Kick-Off, Corners, Free Kicks and goal kicks: opponents must be 5 yards away.
16. Goalkeeper can handle anywhere in the penalty area.
17. No step restrictions.
18. Goal kicks from the edge of the penalty area (opposition five yard rule applies)
19. Multiple substitutions (players may re-enter play having been substituted)
20. All other rules apply as normal.
21. No height restrictions.
22. Rules 28, 29 & 34 to 53 apply.

Under 11 to Under 16 Age Groups 11 A Side

23. The Tournament is for Club sides in the Under 11 to Under 16 age groups, who must be affiliated to a County Football Association. Representative sides will not be permitted to enter the Tournament.
24. To be registered for the Tournament, Players must be over 10 years of age at the 1st September 2009.
25. Teams shall consist of 11 Players, with up to 5 named substitutes per game. Substitutions can be made at any time during a stoppage play or at half time with the referee's permission. A player who has been substituted during a match himself becomes a substitute and may, in turn, replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.
26. Matches will be a maximum 30 minutes each way for the age groups up to under 14 and a maximum 40 minutes each way for the under 15 age group.
27. We will do our best to ensure every team play the maximum amount of football permitted by the F.A on each day of the event in which they participate or qualify. In most cases, teams of the same age are divided into groups (the number in each group will depend on the number of teams in that age group) Teams aged Under 11 and older will play a league format and in most cases the winner and runner up of each group will go through to a knock-out stage to determine the eventual winners. As per FA regulations Players are not permitted to play more than 100 minutes in any day. Full details will be advised in the Tournament programme.
28. In the group, 3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. In the event of a tie on points, the result will be decided on goal difference. Where goal difference is equal, the team having scored the most goals in their group matches will go through. In the event of a tie on goals scored, **the match between each other will be the deciding factor**. Should all details be an absolute tie a penalty shoot out will decide the winner of each group with each team taking 5 penalty kicks (11 a side), **3 penalty kicks (mini soccer)**. If these results in a tie, the shoot out will continue on a 'sudden death' basis, with alternating penalty kicks until a winner is found. This method of deciding matches by the taking of penalty kicks will be carried out in accordance with the International Board Decision, contained in the Laws of the Game. Where a best runner-up/3rd placed team is to qualify for the knockout stage and groups comprise of unequal numbers of teams the result will be decided by the team who have dropped the least number of points. Where this is equal the result will be decided firstly by goal difference and then by goals scored in both cases proportionate to the number of games played (An average would be taken). Where this is equal a penalty shoot as described above will take place.

29. Where applicable the Tournament will become a straight knockout competition from quarter/semi final stages. In the event of a draw at the end of normal time, extra time may be played as determined by the management committee. In the event of a draw after extra time, a penalty shoot out will decide the winner on the same basis as rule 28 above.
30. Under 11 to 14 age groups shall provide a size 4 match ball. Under 15 & 16 age group shall provide a size 5 match ball.
31. Each team shall provide one assistant referee for each of their matches, and be available for the referee prior to kick off for instruction.
32. The half time interval shall not exceed 5 minutes.
33. Official referees will be appointed for all Tournament matches. A fee of £12 (11 A side) or £8 (Mini Soccer) will be paid for each game. Where the Committee appoints Assistant Referees they will receive a fee of £10. All fees are paid by R & T Tours.
34. The full squad of each team of each age group will receive mementoes. The winning team for age groups Under 9 and above will receive a trophy, which they will keep. Results shall not be kept or published for Under 7s & 8s. Participation trophies and 'Best Sporting Team' only will be awarded to these 2 age groups.
35. Referees shall return team/results sheets to the Tournament organisers at their resort.
36. All teams must be ready at the appointed time and venue of each match; otherwise they may be liable to forfeit the match.
37. All teams shall have numbered kits and must have a change of strip in the event of a colour clash, in which case the second named team in the programme shall be required to change. **Black kits are not acceptable.**
38. Any cases of player misconduct during the Tournament will be reported to the appropriate County Football Association. A player who is sent off during a game will be disqualified from the next match in the tournament.
39. Each team will be held responsible for the behaviour of its Parents and Supporters on the touchline during the Tournament matches. Any cases of misconduct will be reported back by referees and will be dealt with by the Committee and reported to the appropriate Football Association.
40. A Player's age group refers to the age group for which he plays in the 2009/10 season which requires he is under that age on 31st August 2009. Teams should bring with them to the Tournament the original of their own League Player Registration Documents, which must incorporate a colour photograph of each player. If the team's own League Player Registration Document does not include a 'photograph based' system, then the team must bring with them to the Tournament acceptable Documentary proof of identity and/or age. (i.e., Passport or Confirmed photograph as detailed by R & T Tours in the Confirmation of Booking Pack) of each of their registered Players, in the event of any queries, these will be investigated by the Committee.
41. A Player can be registered for one team only in the Tournament. All players must be registered prior to their first Tournament fixture. Once his team has been eliminated, he can take no further part at any age group. Clubs with two or more teams of the same age group taking part in the Tournament may not swap players between teams.
42. Any team found guilty of breaking rules 40 to 41 may be eliminated from the Tournament.
43. All complaints are to be made to the organizing Committee, whose decision will be final. The Committee will not accept any complaints relating to referees' decisions. The organizing Committee for the Tournament will be detailed in the Tournament Programme. They will be responsible for all aspects of the Tournament.
44. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matters arising, not provided for in these rules.
45. The Committee reserves the right to amend these rules.
46. The Committee regrets they cannot accept liability for Players or Spectators injuries, or loss or damage to property. The committee strongly recommends that all Clubs participating in the Tournament should take out appropriate insurance cover for their Players.
47. If anyone is found causing wilful damage to property, the Club associated with the offending person(s) will be responsible for him/her and any damage caused.
48. All rules not covered above will be as per the F.A Handbook.
49. The rules of the Tournament are binding on all teams taking part.
50. In the event of an appeal against a decision of the Organizing Committee, it must be made to the Football Association within 14 days of the posting of the decision and accompanied by an appeal fee of £50. Copies of the appeals procedure are available from the venue tournament control point.
51. All teams must have suitable First Aid Kits.
52. A player who has not attained the age of 10 as at midnight on 31st August 2009 shall not be permitted or encouraged to play in a match between sides of more than 7 players in that playing season. A player in the age ranges Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 may play in a match playing boys and girls.
53. All Clubs should be aware of FA Child Protection Policies. All personnel traveling with their party should be vetted prior to departure.
54. All teams that enter the tournament must play all games they are allotted – in the event of a 'no-show' 3 points will be awarded to the team that does show or such action taken by the Committee as deemed necessary including removal from the competition.
55. No alcohol will be permitted at pitchside for the duration of the tournament.
56. In all age groups teams may choose to play on a non competitive basis in the tournament programme while attending the tournament, any team who select this option will be clearly highlighted in the tournament programme as playing on a non competitive basis. All fixture will be marked as a friendly fixture.
57. **In accordance with FA Regulations R & T Tours has a Child Protection Officer.**