



Field Lane Football Club

Tournament Rules



CHARTER STANDARD
COMMUNITY CLUB



ACCREDITED
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

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Qualification

Teams entered into the tournament, must be Affiliated to their County Football Association.
All players must qualify for the relevant age group, by having being under the respective age limits by 31st August.
Players must be no younger than six years old on the day of the tournament.
Clubs entering more than 1 team must NOT inter-change players at any point.
All questions of eligibility, qualification or players or interpretation of rules shall be referred to the organiser

Competition Format U9's, U10's, U11's & U12's

Subject to adequate entries, each team will play a minimum of 5 games. Where there are 2 groups at one age group the top two teams will qualify for gold knockout stages. Teams finishing 3rd and 4th will qualify for silver knockout stages. Teams finishing 5th and 6th will qualify for bronze knockout stages. These knockout stages can be opted OUT of, if you feel your team would not benefit from these more competitive matches! Please request to opt OUT at your earliest convenience. All fixtures will play for 15 minutes 1 way and will be awarded points as follows:-

- 3 Points for a Win
- 1 Point for a draw
- 0 Points for a defeat.

Where 2 teams are equal on points, the team with the greater goal difference will qualify

Where points and goal difference are equal, the team which has scored the most goals will qualify.

If all is still equal than a sudden death penalty shootout will take place.

Every team must be at the allocated pitch, 5 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time. If the team is not ready when the referee is ready to start, 3-0 may be awarded to the opposing team.

Semi Finals will be 15 Minutes one way, if teams are drawing at full time, a penalty shoot-out will take place. Each team will be able to name any 3 out of the players who were on the pitch at the final whistle to take part. Three kicks will be taken to determine a winner – if the scores remain level then a sudden death shoot-out will continue until a winner is determined. In sudden death all players must take one kick before any player takes a second kick.

Finals will be 15 minutes one way, if teams are drawing at full time, a penalty shoot-out will take place rules are the same as above

All **Finalists** Will Receive a Medal.

Competition Format U7's & U8's

All U7's and U8's will be in line with current FA Rules and Regulations and therefore will be non-competitive.
Each team will play a minimum of 5 games, subject to adequate entries.
NO Result will be published for any U7 or U8 Games.
All Players Will Receive a Medal.

Heading Trial

As per Derby Junior Football League NO heading will be allowed. The full rule reads:- Deliberately heading the ball is an offence punishable by an indirect free-kick. The indirect free-kick is taken at the point where the ball was deliberately headed. • Where a player of the defending team deliberately heads the ball in their own penalty area, the indirect free-kick is taken from the penalty mark. Deliberately heading the ball is not a cautionable (yellow card) or sending off (red card) offence, unless it: • Stops or interferes with a promising attack (yellow card) • Denies the opposing team a goal or obvious goal-scoring opportunity (red card) • Occurs often enough to be considered 'persistent misconduct' (yellow card). During this trial, in-direct free-kicks will be introduced into Mini-Soccer for the purpose of restarting play in the event of a deliberate header only. They will not be used in any other circumstance during mini-soccer.

Referees

A qualified and registered Referee shall be appointed to officiate each game as laid down as per the Laws of the Game. All 9v9 games will also have 2 qualified and registered Assistant Referee's appointed.

THE REFEREE'S DECISION ON THE FIELD OF PLAY IS FINAL.

The Ball

The ball shall be size 3 regulation for U7 and U9. Size 4 for U11
A Field Lane branded match ball will be used on each pitch and MUST be returned to the Referee at the final Whistle.

Number of Players

The match shall be played by two squads which will consist of a MAXIMUM of 10 players at U7 12 players at U9 and 14 players at U11 (5 players and 5 subs for U7's) (7 players and 5 substitutes for U9's) (9 players and 6 substitutes for U11's)

For U7's matches a team will consist of a Goalkeeper and 4 outfield players

For U9's matches a team will consist of a Goalkeeper and 6 outfield players.

For U11's a Goalkeeper and 8 outfield players.

A match should not be considered valid if the playing strength of either team is reduced by more than 2 players, the other team will be awarded the game by a 3-0 score.

General

Players must wear full Team Kit; Goal keepers are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms.

Shin pads are **COMPULSARY**

All Teams are expected to bring an alternate kit, or bibs. In case of colour clash, the away team will be expected to change into this kit.

Only two representatives from each team are allowed inside of the Respect Barrier, all other persons are to remain outside the barrier. Failure to adhere to this rule, the person involved will be removed from standing in front of the barrier and reported to the Local County Football Association, who will take the appropriate action.

Any misconduct by players, supporters and club officials may result in the disqualification of the team. The decision to take such action will be made by the management committee at the venue – their decision will be final.

The Management committee, whose decision is final, will adjudicate any matters arising, not including the playing rules.

The organisers cannot except the responsibility of any loss of equipment or injury to players taking part

Every team must be at the allocated pitch, 5 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time. If the team is not ready when the referee is ready to start, 3-0 may be awarded to the opposing team.

Ground Rules

No BBQ or naked flame cooking apparatus.

Alcohol is **NOT** prohibited on the site.

Please Respect the local residents, and park in designated areas only. (Any cars parked in Unauthorised Areas will be clamped)

All Teams will be provided with a refuse sack, please use this along with the litter bins provided. (Please come to the Community Centre to collect your refuse sack)

Results

The winning manager must enter the final score into the WhatsApp group. The organiser will regularly send the league table to the WhatsApp group to keep you all informed

Substitutions

Roll On/ Roll Off substitutions are allowed, providing the following rules are adhered to:

You must inform the referee when you wish to make a substitution.

This can only be made during a stoppage in play with the referee's permission.

No player coming on as a substitute may enter the field of play before the player he/ she is replacing has left the field of play. Please try to keep substitutions to a minimum in order to speed up play.

Footwear

Football boots and any light footwear may be worn.

Fouls and Misconduct

Normal punishment as per the laws of the game applies. A player who receives a caution during the tournament shall miss the next game, unless the management committee deem the offence to be so serious that it constitutes mis-conduct – in this instance the player and / or the team may be disqualified from the tournament. Should the same player receive a further caution or be sent off that player will not be allowed to take any further part in the tournament. No substitute is allowed for any player dismissed for misconduct during the game.

A player who receives a red card during the tournament will be disqualified from the tournament, unless the management committee deem the offence to be so serious that it constitutes mis-conduct – in this instance the player and / or the team may be disqualified from the tournament.

Any verbal or physical abuse directed at the referee which results in a sending off or formal referee report to the management committee, will result in that players not being allowed to take any further part in the tournament.

Names of players cautioned or sent off will be reported to the County Football Association.