

Rules of Play

1. 6-a-side with up to 4 subs. Roll on/Roll off subs. Ref to be notified of changes.
2. Shin pads and suitable footwear must be worn.
3. All games start with a drop ball .No choice of ends please stay as you are to save time.Normal restart once a goal has been scored
4. Ball can go over head height apart from the restarting with a goal kick.
5. Throw ins and Corners as normal. Defending team must be 3 yards away from the taking of a corner
6. No offsides.
7. Goalkeepers: **Important** Goal kicks must be started with an under arm throw and not go above head height. In play no dropkicks, but can throw it or pass it out above head height. GK Cannot pick up back passes. If a GK is penalised for a over head height goal kick the Referee will give them a second chance and allow them to try again .If the error happens again in the same match then the GK will be penalised This will result along with picking up a back pass with a direct free kick 5 yards centrally outside of the penalty area being awarded.
8. Penalty area. Any player is allowed in penalty area , while a goalkeeper must not handle outside as in normal rules. If they do a direct Free-Kick will be awarded. No action to be taken on offending GK if the Referee deems that the action was unavoidable .ie keeper makes a saves, but his momentum carries him out of the area. A Free Kick would still be awarded.
9. Free-kicks- All direct.Opposing players must stand at least 3 yards from the ball.
10. Red Card. Player takes no further part in the competition.
11. Yellow Card; Player misses next game.2 Yellow cards over duration of tournament equals a 'Red Card'
12. Match Duration:6 minutes one way for Under 8s & 9s .8 minutes one way for Under 10s,11s,12s,13s
13. Points are awarded 3 for a Win, 1 for a Draw
14. League positions will be based on Points,Goal Difference,Goals For and then the Score in the game between level sides.If still even,a penalty shoot-out will be used to decide.
15. If there is a kit clash a coin toss will decide who wears bibs/change shirts.
16. Importantly the turnaround of games is fairly tight so please make sure each team is ready to kick off as soon as one game finishes

Notes :

- All referees have given up their time for free. Many are young footballers themselves.Please respect their decision and help them as much as you can.Thanks
- This is a junior tournament and should be for the enjoyment of the children. Whilst for the older age groups the winning team does win something please bear in mind that if you wish to raise an issue regarding any part of the tournament please ask for Martin Grey who will listen and advise accordingly
- The schedule is subject to change dependent on weather and all teams turning up and being on time.We will advise of any changes in the manager's meeting prior to the start of your age group and will take mobile contact numbers to make contact during the tournament