

# **Format of the Day**



## **Under 7's / 8's**

Each age group will play matches on a 5-a-side basis

As per FA rules (and as directed by Lincolnshire FA) these age groups will be played on a non-competitive basis, and no results will be recorded. All players in the two age groups will receive a participation medal after all the matches have been concluded

## **Under 9's / 10's / U11's / U12's**

Each age group will play matches on a 7-a-side basis

There will be two groups of five teams with teams playing each other once. The winners and runners up from both groups will proceed onto a semi final knockout basis. 3 points are to be awarded for a win, and 1 point will be awarded for a drawn match.

In the event of teams having identical points totals after all group matches have been completed, the basis on which they will be separated will be as follows :-

1. Goal Difference
2. Goals Scored
3. Head to Head record (should more than 2 teams be involved, then matches will form a mini group..)
4. Should there be no means of separation, then a 5min play off will be played

## **Semi-Finals & Finals**

Should any of these matches finish as a draw after normal time, the tie will proceed straight to a penalty shootout. 5 players who were on the field of play at the final whistle will take penalties (if scores are level then sudden death will decide the tie, with the same 5 players going in rotation...)

The winning team will receive a trophy and individual medals, and the runners up will also receive medals

**The following laws of the game are to followed during the tournament...**

1. The field of play will be as appropriate for the age groups playing
2. The penalty area will be marked as appropriate
3. An unlimited amount of players are allowed in the penalty area
- 4. Goal-Keepers can come out of the penalty area**
5. A goalkeeper can handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area, and have unlimited steps whilst the ball is in their hands (however the 6 second rule will apply...)
6. Throw-ins and corners are as per FA rules for 11-a-side football
7. Players ARE NOT allowed to throw back or pass back to the goalkeeper if the goalkeeper was to collect the ball in their hands
8. The offside rule does not apply
9. ALL free kicks are to be direct
10. At free kicks opposing players must be at least 2 metres away from the ball

In addition to the above, the following will also apply at the Deeping Tournament...

1. Age Group bandings are as per the Peterborough Junior Alliance League for the 2020-21 season
- 2. ALL goalkeepers are not allowed to kick from their hands (distribution must be thrown out...)**
- 3. The “Goal Kick Retreat” rule will apply to the U7’s / U8’s only**
4. Each team listed first in the fixtures will provide the match ball
5. All teams must have a first aid kit present
6. A team can register a maximum of 10 players per team
7. Substitutions can be on a rolling basis, and must take place at the half way line
8. Shin guards must be worn by ALL participating players
9. Shirts must be worn inside shorts during games
10. In the event of a colour clash, the team listed first will provide a change of shirt or wear bibs
11. Only designated officials are allowed on the field of play. ALL spectators must remain behind the barriers at all times
12. 2 yellow cards in consecutive games will result in a 1 match game ban
13. A red card in any game will result in that player not having any further part in the tournament
14. In all matters regarding the laws of the game, the referee’s decision is final
- 15. Where a club has more than one team entered into an age group, a player can only play for one team throughout the tournament.**
16. In all matters regarding the rules of the tournament, the organising committee’s decision is final
17. Abuse of any kind towards an official or ANY player will not be tolerated
18. Fair Play and Goodwill should be demonstrated at all times by players / officials & spectators

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**ALL persons taking photographs or recording footage at this event should register with the event organiser. ALL concerns regarding inappropriate or intrusive photography should be reported to the tournament office immediately.**

**The organising committee thanks you all for your co-operation with regards to the FA & Tournament guidelines, and we hope you all have an enjoyable day at our tournament....**