



2024 Burghfield FC

Summer Tournament

8th – 9th June 2024

Tournament Rules

1. Registration. All players must be within their respective age group by 31.8.2024, i.e. All age groups are as per the current 2023-24 season. Teams must register their team and players 30 minutes before their designated start time by bringing the completed Team Registration Form to the Administration Tent. Team Managers must attend a briefing session 15 minutes before their designated start time that will take place outside the Administration Tent.

2. Teams. Teams in U7s, U8s, U17s, U18s Women's and Men's age groups will field 5 players. Teams in U11s to U16s age groups will field 6 players but each squad for those age groups squads will be max of 8 players. Teams in U9s and U10s age groups will field 7 players and, each squad for those two age groups may consist of up to 9 players. **No player may play for more than one team in any age group.**

3. Equipment. All jewellery must be removed before entering the field of play. Players must wear Shin pads. Trainers, Astro boots and Football boots are allowed. However, the suitability and safety of all equipment is at the discretion of the referee who will judge according to the prevailing conditions. The ball will be Size 3 for U7s to U10s, Size 4 for U11s to U14s and size 5 for all other age groups, to be supplied by the first named team.

4. Colour clash. In the event of a colour clash the team named first will be required to change their shirts, wear them inside out or wear distinguishing bibs. **No teams to wear Black kits, because of clashing with referees**

5. Starting the Match. The team named first in the schedule will have choice of ends and will provide the match ball. Their opponents will kick-off.

6. Time control. If a team has not reported to the allotted pitch and hence is not ready to play at the scheduled time, but the opposing team are, the referee has the discretion to award a goal start and play with reduced time. If a team has not reported within 4 minutes of the scheduled time, the referee has the discretion to award a 1-0 result with 3 points awarded to the opposition.

7. Injuries. Whenever it is safe to do so, we ask that injured players requiring minor treatment be substituted immediately to keep the games running to schedule.

8. Substitutions. Roll-on roll-off substitutions are allowed at all age groups, but they can only be made with the referee's permission and when the ball is dead. The substituted player must leave the field of play before the substitute enters and this should be at the same position on the touchline.

9. Referees. The referee's decision is final.

10. Goalkeepers. At U7s, U8s and U9s, goalkeepers may fly-kick the ball out of their hands. For all other age groups, the goalkeeper must release the ball by underarm roll out to another player. A goalkeeper cannot roll the ball to himself and then clear with his feet. Infringement of this rule will result in an indirect free kick. Players are allowed in the goal area and the goalkeeper allowed out of

the area. Goal kicks are taken from the goal line except at Under 7s and 8s when goal kicks are taken from the edge of the penalty area. Players must be at least 3 metres away from the ball for all free kicks and goal kicks. The goalkeeper is not allowed to pick the ball up, as a result of a deliberate back-pass at any age group. U7s - U10s must retreat to the half way line when goal kicks are taken.

11. Match Time. The normal duration of matches is 8 minutes with no half-times (unless specified in the schedules). Finals are 8 minutes long (unless specified in the schedules) with no half times.

12. Scoring. 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw. Semi Final places will be resolved in order by:

- a. goal difference
- b. the result of any game between the two teams
- c. the most wins
- d. the most goals scored
- e. the most draws
- f. the flip of a coin by the BFC Tournament Officer

13. Drawn matches. Where Semi Finals and Finals matches are Drawn, they will be resolved by the taking of penalty kicks. The team named first in the schedule will shoot first. Each team will take 3 penalties alternately, using 3 different players from the team on the field at the final whistle. If the scores are level teams will continue to take alternate penalties, firstly by the remaining players and then in the same order as before, until one team scores and the other team fails. Only players on the field at the final whistle may take penalties. At any time during the penalty competition the Tournament Officer has the discretion of awarding the match by a toss of a coin. **Under 17/18, Women's & Men's penalties to be only one step – no run up. All other age groups no more than 3 steps.**

14. Cautions. This competition uses the yellow and red card system. An accumulation of two yellow cards on a single day in the competition will result in the player being suspended from the next match. Two yellow cards in one match equals a red card and the player will be sent off. A player who receives a red card (either straight red or for two yellow cards in the same match) will not be permitted to take any further part in the competition. All cautions and red cards will be dealt with on the day of the match. Any misconduct from the tournament will be reported to Berks & Bucks FA by the referee as normal. The Sin Bin rule for dissent will be in play and down to the referee's discretion.

15. Off-Side. There are no off-sides.

16. Penalty Area. The penalty area will be clearly marked.

17. Kick-Offs. Kick-offs can be taken in any direction. A goal may not be scored directly from the kick-off.

18. Throw-In. A Throw-In will be taken if the ball passes over the touchline.

19. Reporting results. The winning team, or in the event of a draw the team named first in the schedule, is responsible for taking the completed referees result slip immediately to the scorer in the Administration tent.

20. Normal Rules. Except for these provisions, the laws of the Football Association apply.

21. Disputes. Burghfield FC reserve the right to remove from the tournament any team, manager, player or spectator whose conduct is deemed to be unacceptable. In the event of any dispute, the Tournament Officer will have the final decision with no right of appeal. Team managers will be held responsible for any damage caused by their players or supporters.

22. Event Cancellation. If, due to inclement weather, it is felt that the competition should be cancelled, this decision will be made by the tournament committee in conjunction with the referees. We will, however, endeavour to reschedule the Tournament for later date and any Entry Fees paid will be honoured, if no football can be played.