



St Francis Youth FC- Festival of Football 19th & 20th May 2018

Rules of the Competition

The age limit for all participants must be complied with. All players must be in their season 2017-18 age group which is determined by their age on August 31st 2017.

All teams must have supplied St Francis YFC with their county affiliation number as a condition of their entry.

Managers should report to Tournament Control Tent with their completed team sheets no later than thirty minutes prior to scheduled kick off of the 1st game. Any team failing to do so may be ruled out of the competition.

Mini soccer rules will apply for age groups 10 and under and small sided rules for ages 11 and above with the following exceptions.

Ten players may be nominated from whom six players for boys and seven players for girls shall be chosen to form a team for each match.

No player shall be nominated for more than one team.

Rolling substitutions will be allowed in all age groups.

There will be no offside.

Rules for keepers:

All goal kicks must be taken from the goal line.

A goal keeper is not permitted to 'drop kick' the ball. Doing so will result in free kick to the opposing team from point of the offence.

You may throw/roll the ball or put the ball on the ground and kick it/dribble it. Do not be tempted to drop and volley the ball, the ref may see this as a drop kick and award a free kick against you!

A goal keeper can NOT handle the ball outside of their area, you can come out though.

A goal keeper can NOT pick up a back pass.

A goal keeper must remain on their line in the event of a penalty.

Exceptions - Under 7`s to Under 10`s (inclusive):

Players can take a goal kick from anywhere in the penalty area

Opposing players must retreat to the halfway line.

Goal keepers are allowed to drop kick the ball.

Players are allowed to pass back to the keeper.

Start and Restart of the Game

The referee will toss a coin a prior to the match to determine whether you want kick off or choice of ends.

The referee will start and restart games following a goal with a kick off.

The team shown first on the draw shall be deemed the “home” team. Should the referee decide there is a colour clash the “away” team will be expected to change.

Matches, Duration of Play and Penalty Shoot Outs

Players are requested to be at the pitch in time to make sure all games kick off on time..

Match duration will be determined and advised before competition starts, based on number of matches scheduled per team.

No extra time will be played in any circumstance/any age group.

The competition organisers will ensure players do not play above the FA recommended daily maximum.

Under 7`s to Under 10`s (inclusive) – will play “non competitive” and scores will not be recorded and there will not be a final.

All opposing players to retire 5 metres at free or place kicks.

In the event of a tie in a knock out round, a penalty shoot out will take place.

Penalty shoot outs will involve only those players on the field of play at the final whistle.

Penalty shoot outs will be best of five. All players other than the kicker and the goalkeepers must remain on the halfway line. No player is allowed to take a second penalty kick until all other eligible players on his/her team have taken a first kick.

If still tied after each team has taken 5 penalty kicks, then sudden death is played until there is a winner. Note: that if a team has had a player sent off and therefore only has 5 or less penalty takers it is deemed as a 6th missed penalty. If a team has fewer than six players (unless a result of a sending off) on the pitch at the final whistle for any other reason, the opposition will be requested to remove one player from their penalty selection.

Any player sent off the field for misconduct will be regarded as suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Any player cautioned (booked) twice on the day will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament following the completion of the match in progress at the time of the second caution.

The Referee's decision on all points of play shall be final.

In the event of any team withdrawing during the tournament all points and goals relating to that team will become void.

Determining League Position

Most points attained: 3 for a win, 1 for a draw.

Greatest goal difference.

Greatest number of goals scored.

Result between the respective teams.

If two or more teams remain level, a penalty shoot out will take place, using the rules above, except all players are to be nominated. An equal number of players must be used by both teams – determined by the team with the fewest registered for the tournament.

“**Highest Runner Up**” is determined by average points per game, then goal difference, then goals score, then goals conceded.

Medals and Trophies

The under 7's to under 10's age groups will be presented with individual medals to keep.

The runners up and winners of any Cup Final or Sub Cup Final will be presented with individual medals to keep.

In addition, the winners of any Cup Final or Sub Cup Final will be presented with a trophy for presentation and photo opportunities only and must be immediately returned to the Tournament Control Tent,. Any trophy remains the property of St Francis YFC and will not be removed from the tournament venue.

Rules and Disputes

All disputes and protests to a particular game (other than of play) must be received in writing (on the appropriate form) at the Control Tent within 10 minutes at the end of that game. The Tournament Committee will make a decision as soon as all the relevant facts have been gathered and will be based on the best interest of all parties. The Tournament Committee's decision will be final and No appeal shall be made against that decision.

In the event that conditions are deemed dangerous to players, the Tournament Committee and the Senior Referee will consider and have the final say in delaying or, in the worst possible circumstances, abandoning the tournament for the day. If a decision to abandon the tournament is taken, St Francis YFC regrets that refunds will not be made.

IMPORTANT

The consumption of Alcohol at the venue is strictly prohibited.

Smoking at the venue is strictly prohibited.

No dogs are permitted at the venue.

BBQ's are not permitted at the venue.

St Francis YFC do not accept responsibility for any personal property lost or stolen or liability for injury to any person however caused.

All vehicles are parked at the owners risk.

Rules correct at time of going to press.

The Committee reserves the right to amend them without notice. Any rule changes will be explained during the Team Managers' briefings before kick-off.