



**Rastrick Junior Football Club**  
**Tournament Playing Rules 2019**

1.0 Management of the competition

- 1.1 The tournament will be governed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FA.
- 1.2 Matches shall be played in general conformity with the laws of the game issued by the FA, unless otherwise provided for herein.
- 1.3 The organisers shall have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the rules of the competition and shall have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the competition, including any not provided for by the rules.
- 1.4 The organisers shall also adjudicate in all cases of dispute, protest and complaint.

2.0 Qualification and declaration of players

- 2.1 All teams will be required to report at least 30 minutes before the start of their competition, irrespective of the scheduled time of their first match. On arrival, all teams should complete and submit a team declaration form.
- 2.2 No players will be allowed to play for more than one team during the competition. If this happens, the points of the team concerned will be forfeited and awarded to the opposition team.
- 2.3 All players declared should be bona fide members of their club and should meet the required age qualification as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Should any reasonable query arise relating to a player's age, proof of that player's date of birth may be required.
- 2.4 No signed academy players are allowed.
- 2.5 All team managers will be required to attend the managers' briefing in front of the control tent 15 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time of the first group game.

3.0 Arrangement of the competition

- 3.1 The Under 7 and Under 8 age group competitions will be 5-a-side, with no limit on squad sizes. The tournament organisers will provide 9 trophies/medals for each team taking part.
- 3.2 The Under 9 age group competitions (and above) will be 6-a-side, with no limit on squad sizes. The tournament organisers will provide 9 trophies/medals for each team taking part.
- 3.3 All matches shall be played on a pitch approx. 42m x 26m with a goal area being a semi-circle approx. 5.5m radius from the centre of the goal.
- 3.4 Under 7s to under 9s will use a size 3 ball. Under 11s and U12s will use a size 4 ball.
- 3.5 Only 5 players in the U7 and U8 tournaments can be on the field at any time. Any number of substitutions can be made on a roll on roll off basis with the referee's permission.

- 3.6 Only 6 players in the U9 to U12 tournaments can be on the field at any time. Any number of substitutions can be made on a roll on roll off basis with the referee's permission.
- 3.7 Game times vary as per the fixture schedule.
- 3.8 In the qualifying competition, three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. In the event of two teams finishing with an equal number of points for a qualifying place, the qualifying team will be decided by the following, in order:
  - Winner of the match between the two teams
  - Goal difference
  - Goals scored
  - Penalty shoot-out - see rule 3.11
- 3.9 The winning team will be issued a result ticket by the referee, it is the winning team's responsibility to take this to the control tent at the end of each match.
- 3.10 Semi-finals and finals resulting in a draw will proceed to extra time. In the event of scores being equal at the end of extra time, the winners will be decided by a penalty shoot-out – see rule 3.11.
- 3.11 In the event of a penalty shoot-out, the following rules apply:
  - If a shoot-out is used to decide a qualifying group position, any six players from the squad may be used.
  - If a shoot-out is used to decide a knock out match or final, the six players must be on the pitch at the end of the game.
  - The team manager must advise the referee of the names and order of the six players taking penalties prior to a semi-final or final shoot out.
  - If, after taking all penalties, the scores are still level, the competition reverts to 'sudden death' and players must again take penalties in the original order - only players on the field at full time can take penalties.
  - The only people allowed on the pitch or in the vicinity of the goal during a penalty shoot-out will be the manager, players and officials.
  - Nobody will be allowed to stand behind the goal during shoot-outs.

#### 4.0 Playing rules

- 4.1 Play will be started, and re started after a goal has been scored, with a kick-off on the centre spot.
- 4.2 All matches will be based on the retreat rule - for this tournament, this will be any time that the keeper has possession of the ball, there will be no exceptions.
- 4.3 The goal keeper is not permitted to leave his or her goal area, should this happen a direct free kick will be awarded two yards from the point of exit.
- 4.4 The goal keeper is not allowed to kick the ball from his or her hands and the ball must be thrown out under arm. If the goalkeeper kicks the ball out, a direct free kick will be awarded two yards from the point of exit.
- 4.5 The goalkeeper is allowed to clear the ball with his or her feet (as per normal FA rules), but the ball must be thrown out under arm once the ball is in the goal keeper's hands.
- 4.6 When a free kick has been awarded, players of the offending side must retreat a minimum of five yards from the ball.
- 4.7 A corner kick is taken from the junction of the goal line and touch line.
- 4.8 The offside law will not be operated.
- 4.9 The back pass rule will only apply to the Under 11s and Under 12s age groups.

## 5.0 Officials

- 5.1 Referees will be appointed by the organisers. At the end of the game, the winning team will be issued a result ticket by the referee, it is the winning team's responsibility to take this to the control tent at the end of each match.
- 5.2 Timekeeping will be the sole responsibility of the referee. Time will be added on for stoppages at the discretion of the referee.

## 6.0 Misconduct

- 6.1 Any player receiving two cautions during the game or a straight red card or reported by the referee, before or after the match, will not be allowed to take any further part in the competition.
- 6.2 In addition the organisers reserve the right to expel any team from the competition in the event of serious misconduct of players, officials or spectators connected with the team. Everyone in attendance will be expected to follow the FA respect campaign (printed in the programme).
- 6.3 The organisers will report anything serious to relevant authorities.

## 7.0 Protests and complaints

- 7.1 All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the organisers.

## 8.0 General

- 8.1 In the event of a clash of colours, the second team named in the draw must change kit or wear bibs.
  - 8.2 In order to achieve a quick turnaround of matches, teams should be ready at the side of the pitch during the preceding game.
  - 8.3 We wish all players, officials and spectators an enjoyable day.
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