

## **RULES OF PLAY**

### **1. Registration of players**

*All players must have proof of date of birth if requested, the age groups refer to the 2015-16 season. Any teams found to be fielding ineligible players will be barred from the tournament.*

*2. Number of players-Each team shall consist of 5 players and up to 2 subs, which with the referee's permission may take to the field at any stage of the game. A subbed player then becomes a sub that may re-enter the game in the normal manner. Once a player has played for a team he may not under any circumstances change teams.*

*3. Conduct of player & Supporters -Each team manager will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her players and spectators.*

*Foul & abusive language will not be tolerated on the pitch or the ground*

*Coaching from behind the goal is strictly forbidden*

*All supporters must remain behind the perimeter barriers*

*No alcohol is permitted around the field of play*

### **4. Cautions and sending off**

*Any player cautioned will be barred for the next game; any player sent off will miss the rest of the tournament.*

*5. Disputes-The organizers decision is final and binding on all parties. The organising committee disclaims any liability for any injury, theft or loss sustained by any persons attending this event.*

### **6. Eligibility**

*Any player playing for a squad team may only play for one team within that squad. Any player caught infringing this rule will be barred from competition.*

**Normal Football Association rules apply except :-**

**The duration of matches in the qualifying stages will be 7 minutes one way. The quarter final will be 8 minutes one way. The semi finals will be 5 minutes each way.**

**The final will be 6 minutes each way. 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw.**

**In the group stages, in the event of a tie on points then the qualifying team will be decided on goal difference. If this is also a tie then the decision will be made on the most goals scored, if this is also the case then it will go to least goals against, if this is also the same then it will be decided on the result of the match between 2 tying teams. If all still square then 5 penalties each then sudden death.**

**In the event of a tied game in the quarters, semis or final then an extra time period of 4 minutes will be played. Direction of play will be decided by the toss of a coin, as will the kick off. If the match is still level then penalties will commence. There will be 5 penalties taken and if still level then a sudden death shootout until a winner is established.**

**All free kicks are direct, excluding kick off. The goal keeper may underarm throw or roll the ball out except age groups up to and including Under7's who may kick the ball into play. Players may enter the penalty area and the goal keeper may leave the area to kick the ball. The pass back rule does apply. Opposition players must stand at least 5 yards from the ball at free kicks and goal kicks. Apart from the above, all other rules of the football association shall apply.**

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS AND ENJOY YOUSELVES!**