



EGERTON TOURNAMENT 2023

RULES

(U8– U15)

1.Competition Management

The Tournament Organising Committee will adjudicate in all cases of dispute, protest and complaint.

2. Qualification and declaration of players.

All teams will be required to report at least 30 minutes before the published start time of the competition irrespective of the start time of their first match.

On arrival, each team must complete and submit a Team Declaration Form. All players declared must be bona fide amateur member of a Club and should meet the age qualifications as at 31st August. Proof of the date of birth will be required. Team managers should ensure that they have a change of strip available for use in the event of colour clash (bibs are acceptable).

3. Players Equipment

Football boots or trainers shall be allowed. Shin Pads must be worn. The wearing of any jewellery, including earrings, is prohibited. No footballs, other than those used for the competition, shall be allowed.

4. Field and Goals

For the U8 , U9 and U10 .Field of Play minimum 30 x 45M pitch. The goal size will be 8ft x 4ft. A size 3 ball will be used. All Games will be 7-a-side.

For u11, u12, u13, 14 The goal size will be 12 ft x 6 ft. A size 4 football will be used. For all age groups, the penalty area will be clearly marked, and the pitches will be coned off. All footballs will be provided by the organizing committee. No person, other than the manager, one assistant, the players and the officials shall be allowed on the pitch side of the rope. All spectators must remain behind the rope and must not support from behind a goal area.

5. Competition

In the qualifying competition, three points will be awarded for a win, two points for a scored draw, and one point for a scoreless draw. In the event of two teams completing the qualifying stage with equal points, the positions will be decided based on: Goals Scored- Penalty shoot-out.

The top 2 teams in the league will compete in the Final 10-minute match played with no half time. Should the score be equal at the end of normal time, then winners will be decided by a penalty shoot-out. The following rules apply in the case of a penalty shoot-out. The shoot-out will be performed based on 5 penalties by each team from the remaining players on the pitch only.

If scores are equal after the 5 - then a 'sudden death' phase will be entered –with the remaining players taking one kick and the winner being decided by one team scoring and the other failing to score. The remaining 2 players will take penalties in the Shoot out – if it is still level - we go back to the first penalty takers.

6. Playing rules

Will follow rules as adhered to within the Timperley and District Junior Football League. Keepers are not allowed to kick from their hands or pickup pass backs. No retreating to the half way line. The number of minutes play may vary depending on the number of teams per group, particularly if teams drop out on the day. We will make every effort to adhere to the above where possible.

7. Each age

Groups will have an Intermediate and Advanced group. Girls will have their own Tournament Group. You will have indicated on your application which group you wish to compete in.

8. Officials Registered

Referees will be appointed, and at the conclusion of each game the referee shall be responsible for notifying the Organising Committee of the result via the pitch steward. Time keeping will be the sole responsibility of the referee/ organisers. Any time added on for stoppages will be at the discretion of the referee.

The referee's decision is always final.

9. Misconduct

Any player who receives two cautions during a game, is dismissed from the field of play, or is reported by the referee for misconduct will take no further part in the competition. The offending player should change out of their kit for the rest of the competition. The organising committee reserve the right to expel any team from the competition for serious or persistent misconduct. All cases of misconduct will be reported to the Cheshire County FA. Any player, spectator or team official found to have damaged any property will be deemed to be guilty of serious misconduct and will be expelled from the competition.

10. Trophies

All winning teams in each group will receive a Cup. All members of the winning squad will receive an individual medal. All members of the runner up squad will receive an individual medal.

11. Protests and complaints

All questions; of eligibility, qualification of players, qualification of teams and interpretation of rules will be referred to the organising committee. The organising committee's decision shall be considered final at all times.