



Westbury Celtic Football Club

2017 Summer Football Tournament



Mini Soccer / Small Sided Playing Rules for under 7's to 15's

Except where other provisions in these laws are made, the Laws of Association Football apply.

Playing Area

Under 7's 5-a-side - The playing area will measure 50 metres long by 30 metres wide.

Under 8's to Under 11's 7-a-side - The playing area will measure 50 metres long by 30 metres wide.

Under 12's to Under 15's 6-a-side - The playing area will measure 50 metres long by 30 metres wide.

Penalty Area

5-a-side - This will extend 9.15 metres (10 yards) from the goal line and across by 16.47 metres (18 yards).

7-a-side - This will extend 9.15 metres (10 yards) from the goal line and across by 16.47 metres (18 yards).

6-a-side - This will extend 9.15 metres (10 yards) from the goal line and across by 16.47 metres (18 yards).

There are no restrictions on the number of players allowed in the penalty area. Please note that the goalkeeper is allowed to come out of the penalty area and act as an outfield player.

Penalty Mark

For all pitches, the penalty mark will be 7.32 metres (8 yards) from the Goal Line opposite the centre of the goal.

Goal

The goal size for the age groups Under 7's to Under 11's is 3.6 metres (12 ft) by 1.8 metres (6 ft).

The goal size for the age groups Under 12's to Under 15's is 4.88 metres (16 ft) by 2.13 metres (7 ft).

The Ball

The ball to be used will be a size 3 for the Under 7's to Under 9's, size 4 for the Under 10's to Under 14's and size 5 for the Under 15's.

Number of Players

Players must play with and against players only from their own age range - within a two-year age band.

Each 5-a-side team will have a squad comprising of no more than ten players, five playing and five substitutes. Each 7-a-side team will have a squad comprising of no more than ten players, seven playing and three substitutes. Each 6-a-side team will have a squad comprising of no more than ten players, six playing and four substitutes.

The substitutes without being named may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. A player who has been replaced may return to the playing area as a substitute for another player.

Playing Equipment

Players are required to wear shin guards.

Referees

A referee shall be appointed to officiate in each game. He shall have the same powers and duties as laid down in the laws of the game.

Duration of Game

The Under 7 to Under 8 age groups will play in a "fun festival" with games of 8 minutes duration with no break for half time.

The Under 9 to Under 11 age groups will play in a "fun festival" with games of 10 minutes duration with no break for half time.

The following only applies to the Under 12's to Under 15's age groups.

Each first round league game will have duration of 12 minutes with no break for half time and no extra time.

The semi-final, 3rd/4th place play-off and final of the cup competition will have duration of 12 minutes with no break for half time plus four minutes extra time if scores are level at the end of normal playing time. If after extra time scores are still level the result will be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

Start of Play

A kick off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored. Opponents must be 4.5 metres (5 yards) away from the ball, and in their own half of the field.



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Ball In and Out of Play

In this competition there is no height restriction for the ball. The ball will be returned to play in accordance with the normal Laws of Association Football.

Offside

There is no offside.

Free Kicks

All free kicks, with the exception as stated in the goal kick rule below, are direct and the opposition must be at least 4.5 metres (5 yards) away from the ball.

Goal Kicks

For Under 7 to Under 10 age groups, the opposition must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play (kicked from the ground directly out of the penalty area).

For Under 11 to Under 15 age groups, the opposition must be at least 4.5 metres (5 yards) away and the ball must be thrown directly out of the penalty area. Please note that kicking the ball from a goal kick is not permitted.

Corner Kicks

The opposition must be at least 4.5 metres (5 yards) away from the ball.

Back pass Rule

The back pass rule will apply as normal. A free kick to be taken at the edge of the area will be awarded if the goalkeeper picks up a back pass in the penalty area.



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Administration Rules

Management of the Competition

The competition will be governed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Worcestershire Football Association. Matches shall be played in accordance with the laws issued by the Football Association for Mini Soccer / Small Sided Football.

This competition is covered by Westbury Celtic's Public Liability Insurance; however Players are advised to consider their own private insurance to cover claims arising from their own injury or that of another player.

No alcohol is to be permitted at the tournament and the competition organisers shall be responsible for enforcing this condition.

Entry Fee

The entry fee will be £25.00 per team.

Management Committee

The organisation of the competition will be vested in a management committee chaired by a Tournament Director. The management committee shall have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall have jurisdiction over all matches affecting the Competition, including any not provided for by the rules. The decision of The Management Committee will be final in all respects.

Eligibility of Players

The competition will be divided into the following age groups: -

Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 14 & Under 15.

Players must not be more than two years younger than the age group for which they are entered. Qualifying date for all age groups is 31 August 2016.

Competition Format

With the exception of the Under7s, Under 8's, Under 9's, Under 10's and Under 11's age groups which will be run as a "fun festival", the following format headed "1st Round League", will apply to all other age groups. The "fun festival" will have a round robin format where each team will play the other teams in their respective group at least once. The timetable of games will be communicated to participating Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 teams in advance of the competition. In accordance with FA rules the scores/results of matches are not to be recorded and all players will receive the same memento at the end of the event.

1st Round League: -

The 1st round of the competition will be played on a league basis.

Under 12 to Under 15 age groups will consist of ten teams divided into two divisions of five.

Each team shall play one match against each of the other teams in its division. Three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and zero point for a loss.

The top two teams in each age group will qualify for the "Cup" knockout stage of the competition and will comprise of semi-finals, 3rd/4th place play-offs and finals.

In the event of teams being level on points in their league then the team's position will be determined by goal difference. If the goal difference is the same then the number of goals scored will count.

If goals scored are equal then positions will be settled by a penalty shoot out, best of 5 and then if necessary sudden death penalties where if one team misses the other team must score to take the match.

League and Knockout Stage: -

The details of the duration of games, extra time and penalty shootouts are covered within the rules for each respective age group.

Each team at Under 12's to Under 15's shall consist of no more than six players and four substitutes.



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Team Colours

Players shall be dressed in uniform shirts and shorts. The goalkeeper's kit must be distinguishable from that of other players and the match official.

Dependent upon prevailing weather conditions football boots or training shoes will be worn. The decision on the footwear to be worn throughout the competition will be at the discretion of the playing team but must be in accordance with the laws issued by the Football Association.

Location

The tournament will be located at:

The Glyn Mitchell Memorial Ground, Droitwich Spa Rugby Club, Hanbury Road, Droitwich Spa. WR9 7DU

Manager Responsibilities

Teams must report to the Registration Point at least 30 minutes before their respective age group kick-off to register their attendance and submit their team sheets.

Saturday 10^h June 2017

Age Group	Format	Latest Registration Time
Under 8's	7 a-side	9:00am
Under 10's	7 a-side	12:30pm
Under 12's	6 a-side	9:00am
Under 14's	6 a-side	12:30pm

Sunday 11th June 2017

Age Group	Format	Latest Registration Time
Under 7's	5 a-side	9:00am
Under 9's	7 a-side	9:00am
Under 11's	7 a-side	12:30pm
Under 13's	6 a-side	12:30pm
Under 15's	6 a-side	9:00am

To ensure that fixtures run to schedule, managers are requested to assemble their teams at the correct pitch during the preceding game.

Misconduct

The decision of the referee in all matters relating to the interpretation of the laws of the game will be final.

Any player receiving two formal cautions (Yellow Card) during the tournament will take no further part in the competition.

Any player sent off (Red Card) will take no further part in the competition.

Protests and Complaints

All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the management committee, but no objection to the dimensions of the pitches or other appurtenance there on shall be entertained.