

## **Football Tournament Rules**

1. The decision of the Competition Director present and their application of these rules will be final. The Competition Director reserves the right to suspend/cancel the event where required by weather/unsafe conditions.
2. This competition is a 5 -a-side competition.
3. All substitutes when not playing must wear a different colour to their team when in play. Subs may only be used with referee's permission.
4. If a team is not ready to start their allocated game within 30 seconds of the referee starting the game, then 2 goals will automatically be awarded to the opposition and the game will start when the team arrives and will play for the remainder of the 7 minutes. (WHAT EVER TIME YOU WANT EACH GAME TO BE)
5. If both teams are not ready to play their allocated game within 30 seconds of the referee starting the game, the game will start as soon as both teams are ready & they will only play for the remainder of the 7 minutes.
6. If a team is not able to play a game at all (e.g. they have left) then within the round robin stage a 5-0 walk-over will be given to the opposition. If this is within the knockout stage then the next team available will take their place and points.
7. Goalkeepers can only roll the ball to team members under arm ball cannot be returned to the keeper by the player who receives it
8. Corner kicks will be taken in the normal way.
9. Throw ins will be taken in the normal way
10. Sliding tackles are NOT permitted.
11. Any player cautioned (Yellow card) will not be allowed to participate in the following match. A second caution (2nd Yellow card), at any point in the competition, will result in the player not being allowed to take further part in the competition.
12. A player dismissed (red card) from the field of play for whatever reason will be expelled from the remainder of the competition. Foul or abusive language will be penalized by the referee at his or her discretion, by awarding a direct free kick (defends must stand 3 yards away).
13. All free kicks are direct
14. Defending players are not allowed in their own area, if they do go in they will be penalized by a penalty kick being awarded against them. If an attacker goes in the area a free kick will be awarded against the attacker
15. Shin pads are compulsory. Trainers or astro-boots are the only permitted footwear. No studs, bladed boots or molded studs to be worn. Players without the correct footwear will not be permitted to play. Jewellery should be removed or taped down.

