

# Tournament Rules

## General

1. The rules of the tournament are binding on all competing teams.
2. Badshot Lea Colts F.C. will appoint referees. The referee's decision will be final in all matters relating to the laws of the game, & rules of the competition.
3. All other matters of dispute, the Badshot Lea Colts F.C. Executive Committee will decide on the day. Any appeal against the Executive Committees decision should be made to Surrey F.A. in accordance with its rules.
4. Cost per team entered will be £35.
5. On arrival, a charge of £4 per car will be payable, this includes 1 programme. Additional programmes can be purchased for £2.00.
6. All registration forms providing competitors name and date of birth are to be handed into the control tent, 30 minutes before the first kick off.
7. 2016/17 age groups will apply. Players found to be playing below their correct age group will result in the team being disqualified from the rest of the tournament.
8. Teams size will be:  
U6, U7 and U8: 5 a-side plus maximum 3 substitutes  
U9 to U15: 6-a-side plus maximum 3 substitutes
9. The first named team will change in the event of a colour clash.
10. The first named team must provide a match quality ball. The ball size must be the same as used for that age group during the 2016/17 season. The match ball must be presented to the referee for an inspection prior to kick off.
11. The U6 and U7 age groups are run as a festival with no scores being recorded.

## Football Competition

12. The laws of the game of Association Football will apply with the following exceptions:
  - I. There will be no offside.
  - II. Apart from goal or free kicks, goalkeepers may only roll the ball out underarm from inside the penalty area, once they have full control of it. This rule does not apply to the U6, U7 & U8 age groups who can fly kick as normal.
  - III. For U6, U7 & U8 age groups, the goal kick can be taken from anywhere inside the penalty area. For all other age groups, the goal kick will be taken from the goal line.
  - IV. The back pass rule shall not apply to the U6, U7 & U8 age groups.
  - V. When a player is taking a goal kick, free kick or corner kick, all opposing players must be at least 5 yards from the ball until it is in play. This also applies to kick off and the restart after a goal is scored.
  - VI. Players may be substituted during a break in play, using the roll on/roll off system.

13. Teams in each age group will be divided into a league and they will play a full league programme against the other teams in the group.
14. Duration of all matches will be 8 minutes one way with no half time break. Match length may be amended by the tournament organisers to accommodate unforeseen circumstances.
15. The result of each match will be taken to the control tent by the winning team or a team designated by the referee in the event of a draw.
16. Scores and league tables for all age groups will be displayed at the Tournament Control Tent.
17. In the league/group stages, points will be awarded as follows:
  - 3 points for a win
  - 1 point for a draw
  - In the event of a 'no show' by a team at the start of the tournament, each team will be awarded a 1-0 home win.
  - In the event of a team not arriving on time for an allocated game, a 1-0 win will be awarded to the opposition team.
18. For all age groups except U6 and U7, there will be progression from the league stage to either the plate or cup competition (as published in the tournament programme). This stage is knockout. Cup and plate winners and runners-up will each receive a medal. U6 and U7 age groups run as a Festival and all players will receive a medal for participating.
19. Where there is a tie, the following will apply:
  - I. If points are drawn, goal difference to decide.
  - II. If still level, goals scored to decide
  - III. If still level, the result of the match between the two teams to decide.
  - IV. If still level, a penalty shoot out competition will decide. This will be sudden death.
20. In the semi finals & finals, if teams are drawn at the end of normal time, extra time of 3 minutes will be played. If the result is still drawn after extra time, penalties will be taken by 3 players per team, followed by sudden death if required.
21. If a player receives a yellow card, a 2 minute sin bin will be applied. If a red card is received, that player shall take no further part in the competition. Any team official, parent or supporter using abusive or inappropriate language to referees, players, opposition officials, parents or supporters will be asked to leave the Tournament.

**Any team being penalised for the behaviour of their officials or parents twice during the Tournament will be expelled and their results expunged.**

**The Badshot Lea Annual Small-sided Tournament Committee has the right to amend tournament rules when and if required.**