



TOURNAMENT RULES

Starting Play

Kick-off will be decided by the toss of a coin

Goalkeeper

The goalkeeper must stay in his area at all times:- a penalty will be awarded for **intentionally** going out of the area.

He/she must return the ball into play with an underarm action below head height.

Penalty for infringement is a corner to the opposition.

The ball cannot be returned to the goalkeeper i.e no back passes. Penalty for infringement is a direct free kick from where the ball was played.

Goal Area

Only the goalkeeper is allowed inside the goal area. If an outfield player **gains an advantage** by entering the area, penalties are as follows;

(A) by the defence —penalty kick, (B) by the attack—ball is given to goalkeeper to roll out.

Please note that if a defender unintentionally enters the area and gains no advantage a penalty will NOT be given.

Ball out of play

The ball must be returned into play with an underarm bowling action, whether from a throw in or from a corner.

Ball above head height

The ball can go above head height without any penalty being incurred except when it is returned by the goalkeeper.

Handball

The penalty for this infringement is a direct free kick.

Offside

There is no offside rule.

Penalties

There are no restrictions on the number of steps taken.

Free kicks

All free kicks will be taken with opposing players at least 3 metres away from the ball unless they are prevented from doing so by the goalkeepers area.

Match Ball

The first named team will provide the match ball.

Size 3 for age groups U7 & U8. Size 4 for age groups U9 – U14. Size 5 for U18s and VETS

Void Matches

If a team scratches from the competition all results involving the team will become null and void.

All goals scored and conceded will be removed from the league table.

Squads

There is no limit to a squad size however there will be only 10 trophies made available to the winners/runners up for all teams

If a squad requires more trophies these can be obtained at a cost after speaking to the BYFC Tournament co-ordinator.

No player may play for more than one squad or change squads once registered.

Substitutes may be used at any time on a roll-on, roll-off basis.

Any player who has 2 bookings or is sent off will be banned from taking any further part in the tournament.

Footwear/Shin pads

Trainers and shin pads must be worn. The wearing of football boots will be allowed if specified by the tournament organiser due to weather conditions.

Kit Clash

In the event of a kit clash the second named team will provide a change of kit.

Preliminary Rounds/League Tournament

ALL AGE GROUPS EXCEPT THE U7s/U8s, Will be decided on a league basis with 3 points for a win, 2 points for a score draw and 1 point for a no score draw.

In the event of teams being equal, positions will be decided as follows; (A) goal difference, (B) goals scored, (C) goals conceded, (D) penalty shoot out.

THE U7s/U8s will be a festival whereby each team plays one another within its group on a round robin. **POINTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED OR SCORES RECORDED(As per FA**

Regulations)

Knockout stage

Semi Finals will be contested as shown in the relevant age group pages.

Duration of the games

League matches and semi finals—5 minutes each way

Finals will be 7 minutes each way.

If the scores are level at the end of a knockout stage, then 5 minutes extra time (one way) will be played.

If scores are even at the end of extra time penalties will decide the result.

First 5 penalties will be taken, then sudden death. Only players on the pitch at the end of extra time are allowed to take penalties.

Referees

The referees decision will be final in all cases.

Under no circumstances must any manager, spectator or player become involved in any argument with the referee.

The tournament organiser will resolve all disputes.

Any player, manager or spectator found abusing a referee will be banned from taking any further part in the tournament.

Liability

Barming Youth Football Club and the tournament organisers cannot be held liable in the event of injury to players, club officials or spectators attending the event, or loss or damage to property or vehicles.

All players, club officials and spectators attending the event do so at their own risk.

