



TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS 2027

UNDER 7, UNDER 8, UNDER 9, UNDER 10, U11 (BOYS/GIRLS)

- 1. THE TOURNAMENT IS FOR CLUB SIDES IN THE UNDER 7 TO UNDER 11 AGE GROUPS, WHO MUST BE AFFILIATED TO A COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. PLAYERS AGE RESTRICTIONS AS PER FA INSTRUCTIONS (I.E. UNDER 7S MUST STILL BE 6, UNDER 8S MUST STILL BE 7, 9S MUST STILL BE 8, UNDER 10'S MUST STILL BE 9 AT MIDNIGHT 31ST AUGUST 2026. PLAYERS MUST HAVE REACHED THEIR 6TH BIRTHDAY BY 31ST AUGUST 2026 TO PARTICIPATE.**
- 2. U10 & U11 BOYS & GIRLS PARTICIPATING IN 7 V 7 GAMES, TEAMS SHALL CONSIST OF A MAXIMUM OF 12 PLAYERS PER GAME AND A MINIMUM OF 6 PLAYERS, OF WHICH 7 PLAYERS CAN BE ON THE FIELD OF PLAY AT ANY ONE TIME. U7, U8 & U9 BOYS & GIRLS (5V5) TEAMS SHALL CONSIST OF 10 PLAYERS PER GAME AND A MINIMUM OF 4 PLAYERS OF WHICH 5 PLAYERS CAN BE ON THE FIELD OF PLAY AT ANY ONE TIME. SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE DURING ANY STOPPAGE IN PLAY, INCLUDING HALF-TIME, WITH THE REFEREE'S PERMISSION. A PLAYER PREVIOUSLY SUBSTITUTED CAN RETURN TO THE GAME ONLY AS A FURTHER SUBSTITUTION.**
- 3. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE ALL REGISTERED SQUAD PLAYERS RECEIVE A FAIR AMOUNT OF PLAYING TIME DURING THE TOURNAMENT.**
- 4. THE MAXIMUM SIZE OF THE PITCH SHALL BE A MAXIMUM OF 60 YARDS X 40 YARDS FOR 7 A SIDE**
- 5. THE PENALTY BOX WILL BE 18 YARDS X 10 YARDS.**
- 6. EACH TEAM MUST PROVIDE A SIZE 3 FOOTBALL IN RESPECT OF UNDER 7, 8 & U9 TEAMS. AGES U10 & U11 PARTICIPATING IN 7 V 7 GAMES MUST PROVIDE A SIZE 4 FOOTBALL.**
- 7. THE GOAL SIZE IS 12FT X 6 FT (WITH NET).**
- 8. PLAYERS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO A MAXIMUM OF 60 MINUTES, FOR UNDER 7, UNDER 8 & UNDER 9 AGE GROUPS, AND 90 MINUTES FOR UNDER 10 & UNDER 11 AND BOYS AND GIRLS IN ANY ONE DAY. THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM 5 MINUTES HALF TIME BREAK.**
- 9. NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS ALLOWED IN THE PENALTY AREA.**
- 10. NORMAL PASS/DRIBBLE IN RULES AS PER LAWS OF MINI SOCCER.**
- 11. KICK-OFF AS NORMAL.**
- 12. ALL FREE KICKS ARE DIRECT.**
- 13. PENALTIES TO BE TAKEN FROM A MARK 8 YARDS FROM THE GOAL LINE OPPOSITE THE CENTRE OF THE GOAL**
- 14. NO OFFSIDE RULE.**
- 15. KICK-OFF, CORNERS, FREE KICKS: OPPONENTS MUST BE 5 YARDS AWAY.**
- 16. GOALKEEPER CAN HANDLE ANYWHERE IN THE PENALTY AREA.**
- 17. NO STEP RESTRICTIONS.**
- 18. GOAL KICKS. A PLAYER OF THE DEFENDING TEAM KICKS THE BALL FROM ANY POINT WITHIN THE PENALTY AREA. ON EVERY GOAL KICK, OPPONENTS MUST RETREAT TO THEIR OWN HALF UNTIL THE BALL IS IN PLAY. THE DEFENDING TEAM DOES NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE OPPOSITION TO RETREAT AND HAS THE OPTION TO RESTART THE GAME BEFORE SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO. THE BALL IS IN PLAY WHEN IT HAS BEEN KICKED.**
- 19. FOR U7 TO 11 TEAMS - WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BALL PASSES OVER THE WHOLE OF THE TOUCHLINE, ON THE GROUND OR IN THE AIR, INSTEAD OF A THROW-IN, A PASS-IN/DRIBBLE-IN IS AWARDED. THE KICKER THAT TAKES THE PASS-IN/DRIBBLE-IN MAY TOUCH THE BALL AGAIN BEFORE IT IS TOUCHED BY ANOTHER PLAYER. AT THE MOMENT OF DELIVERING THE BALL: THE BALL MUST BE STATIONARY ON THE TOUCHLINE AT THE POINT WHERE IT LEFT THE PITCH; ONLY THE KICKER MAY BE OFF THE PITCH. ALL OPPONENTS MUST**

STAND AT LEAST 5 YARDS FROM THE POINT ON THE TOUCHLINE WHERE THE PASS-IN OR /DRIBBLE- IN IS TO BE TAKEN FROM. A GOAL CANNOT BE SCORED DIRECTLY FROM A PASS-IN, BUT CAN BE SCORED FROM A DRIBBLE IN. THE BALL IS IN PLAY WHEN IT IS KICKED AND CLEARLY MOVES

20. MULTIPLE SUBSTITUTIONS (PLAYERS MAY RE-ENTER PLAY HAVING BEEN SUBSTITUTED)

21. EXCEPT WHERE VARIED BY THESE TOURNAMENT RULES, THE CURRENT FA LAWS OF THE GAME SHALL APPLY.

22. NO HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

23. PLAYERS IN U7 TO U11 TEAMS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DELIBERATELY HEAD THE BALL. DELIBERATELY HEADING THE BALL IS AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY AN INDIRECT FREE KICK. THE INDIRECT FREE KICK IS TAKEN AT THE POINT WHERE THE BALL WAS DELIBERATELY HEADED, EXCEPT: WHERE A PLAYER DELIBERATELY HEADS THE BALL WITHIN THEIR OWN PENALTY AREA, THE REFEREE WILL STOP THE GAME AND RESTART WITH AN INDIRECT FREE KICK TO THE OPPOSITION FROM THE NEAREST SIDE LINE OF THE PENALTY AREA WHERE THE OFFENCE TOOK PLACE.

24. IN SOME INSTANCES, A GIRLS TEAM MAY PLAY AGAINST A BOYS TEAM IN THE SAME COMPETITION. GIRLS TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN A ONE YEAR DISPENSATION ADVANTAGE – IE. AN U11 GIRLS TEAM MAY PLAY AN U10 BOYS TEAM. FORMAT MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE YOUNGEST TEAM.

RULES 30 & 31 THEN 34 TO 57 APPLY.

MINI SOCCER BACK PASSES

IF THE KEEPER PICKS UP THE BALL AFTER A BACK PASS FROM ONE OF HIS/HER OWN PLAYERS A DIRECT FREE KICK WILL BE AWARDED. IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN ON THE EDGE OF THE PENALTY AREA AND IN LINE WITH WHERE THE KEEPER PICKED UP THE BALL. THE BALL IS IN PLAY WHEN IT IS KICKED DIRECTLY OUT OF THE PENALTY AREA.

UNDER 12 – UNDER 16 AGE GROUPS, 9v9 (BOYS/GIRLS)

25. THE TOURNAMENT IS FOR CLUB SIDES IN THE UNDER 12 TO UNDER 16 AGE GROUPS, WHO MUST BE AFFILIATED TO A COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. REPRESENTATIVE SIDES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.

26. TO BE REGISTERED FOR THE TOURNAMENT, PLAYERS MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE UNDER 12 TO UNDER 16 AGE GROUPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FA REGULATIONS FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON.

27. TEAMS SHALL CONSIST OF NINE PLAYERS, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE THE GOALKEEPER, WITH UP TO FIVE NAMED ROLL-ON, ROLL-OFF SUBSTITUTES PERMITTED PER MATCH. SUBSTITUTIONS MAY BE MADE DURING ANY STOPPAGE IN PLAY, INCLUDING AT HALF-TIME, WITH THE REFEREE'S PERMISSION. A PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN SUBSTITUTED BECOMES A SUBSTITUTE AND MAY SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO THE FIELD OF PLAY IN PLACE OF ANOTHER PLAYER. ALL SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW 3 OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME. THE PLAYER BEING REPLACED MUST LEAVE THE FIELD BEFORE THE SUBSTITUTE ENTERS, AND THE SUBSTITUTE MAY ONLY ENTER AFTER RECEIVING THE REFEREE'S PERMISSION.

28. MATCHES WILL BE A MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES EACH WAY FOR THE AGE GROUPS UP TO UNDER 14 AND A MAXIMUM 40 MINUTES EACH WAY FOR THE UNDER 15 & 16 AGE GROUP.

29. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ENSURE EVERY TEAM PLAY THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FOOTBALL PERMITTED BY THE F.A ON EACH DAY OF THE EVENT IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATE OR QUALIFY. IN MOST CASES, TEAMS OF THE SAME AGE ARE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS (THE NUMBER IN EACH GROUP WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF TEAMS IN THAT AGE GROUP) TEAMS AGED UNDER 12 AND OLDER WILL PLAY A LEAGUE FORMAT AND IN MOST CASES THE WINNER AND RUNNER UP OF EACH GROUP WILL GO THROUGH TO A KNOCK-OUT STAGE TO DETERMINE THE EVENTUAL WINNERS. PLAYERS SHALL NOT PLAY MORE THAN 120

MINUTES IN ANY ONE DAY. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL SCHEDULE FIXTURES TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT.

30. IN THE GROUP, 3 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR A WIN AND 1 POINT FOR A DRAW. WHERE TEAMS FINISH LEVEL ON POINTS, FOR A QUALIFYING PLACE THE HEAD TO HEAD SCORE BETWEEN THE RELEVANT TEAMS WILL APPLY. THE MATCH(ES) BETWEEN EACH OTHER WILL BE THE DECIDING FACTOR. IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW DURING THEIR HEAD TO HEAD MATCH(ES), THE GOALS CONCEDED BETWEEN TEAMS WILL BE CONSIDERED. SHOULD ALL DETAILS BE EQUAL, A PENALTY SHOOT-OUT WILL DECIDE THE WINNER OF EACH GROUP OR DETERMINE WHICH TEAM PROGRESSES BY MEANS OF 5 PENALTY KICKS (9v9) OR 3 PENALTY KICKS (MINI SOCCER). IF THESE RESULTS IN A TIE, THE SHOOT-OUT WILL CONTINUE ON A 'SUDDEN DEATH' BASIS, WITH ALTERNATING PENALTY KICKS UNTIL A WINNER IS FOUND. THIS METHOD OF DECIDING MATCHES BY THE TAKING OF PENALTY KICKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD DECISION, CONTAINED IN THE LAWS OF THE GAME. WHERE A BEST RUNNER-UP/3RD PLACED TEAM IS TO QUALIFY FOR THE KNOCKOUT STAGE AND GROUPS COMPRISE OF UNEQUAL NUMBERS OF TEAMS THE RESULT WILL BE DECIDED BY THE TEAM WHO HAVE DROPPED THE LEAST NUMBER OF POINTS. WHERE THIS IS EQUAL THE RESULT WILL BE DECIDED FIRSTLY BY HEAD TO HEAD RESULTS AND THEN BY GOALS SCORED IN BOTH CASES PROPORTIONATE TO THE NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED (AN AVERAGE WOULD BE TAKEN). WHERE THIS IS EQUAL A PENALTY SHOOT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL TAKE PLACE.
31. WHERE APPLICABLE THE TOURNAMENT WILL BECOME A STRAIGHT KNOCKOUT COMPETITION FROM QUARTER/SEMI-FINAL STAGES. IN THE EVENT OF A DRAW AT THE END OF NORMAL TIME A PENALTY SHOOT-OUT WILL DECIDE THE WINNER ON THE SAME BASIS AS RULE 30 ABOVE.
32. IN SOME INSTANCES, A GIRLS TEAM MAY PLAY AGAINST A BOYS TEAM IN THE SAME COMPETITION. GIRLS TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN A ONE YEAR DISPENSATION ADVANTAGE – IE. AN U13 GIRLS TEAM MAY PLAY AN U12 BOYS TEAM. FORMAT MUST BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE YOUNGEST TEAM.
33. UNDER 12 TO 14 AND MIXED 14/15 AGE GROUPS SHALL PROVIDE A SIZE 4 MATCH BALL. UNDER 15 & 16 AGE GROUP SHALL PROVIDE A SIZE 5 MATCH BALL.
34. EACH TEAM SHALL PROVIDE ONE ASSISTANT REFEREE FOR EACH OF THEIR MATCHES, AND BE AVAILABLE FOR THE REFEREE PRIOR TO KICK OFF FOR INSTRUCTION.
35. THE HALF TIME INTERVAL SHALL NOT EXCEED 5 MINUTES.
36. OFFICIAL REFEREES WILL BE APPOINTED FOR ALL TOURNAMENT MATCHES.
37. THE FULL SQUAD OF EACH TEAM OF EACH AGE GROUP WILL RECEIVE MEMENTOES. THE WINNING TEAM FOR AGE GROUPS UNDER 7 AND ABOVE WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY, WHICH THEY WILL KEEP.
38. REFEREES SHALL RETURN TEAM/RESULTS SHEETS TO THE TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS AT THEIR RESORT.
39. ALL TEAMS MUST BE READY AT THE APPOINTED TIME AND VENUE OF EACH MATCH; OTHERWISE THEY MAY BE LIABLE TO FORFEIT THE MATCH.
40. ALL TEAMS SHALL HAVE NUMBERED KITS AND MUST HAVE A CHANGE OF STRIP IN THE EVENT OF A COLOUR CLASH, IN WHICH CASE THE SECOND NAMED TEAM IN THE PROGRAMME SHALL BE REQUIRED TO CHANGE. BLACK KITS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
41. ANY CASES OF PLAYER MISCONDUCT DURING THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. RED & YELLOW CARDS - A PLAYER WHO IS DISMISSED FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY FOR ANY REASON APART FROM VIOLENT CONDUCT, SERIOUS FOUL PLAY, THREATENING, ABUSIVE, INDECENT OR INSULTING WORDS OR BEHAVIOUR SHALL BE SUSPENDED AUTOMATICALLY FOR ONE MATCH IN THE TOURNAMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MATCH IN WHICH HE WAS SENT OFF. THIS INCLUDES TWO YELLOW CARDS RECEIVED WITHIN THE SAME MATCH OR A STRAIGHT RED CARD. A PLAYER WHO IS DISMISSED FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY FOR VIOLENT CONDUCT, SERIOUS FOUL PLAY, THREATENING, ABUSIVE, INDECENT OR INSULTING WORDS OR BEHAVIOUR WHETHER HE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CAUTIONED IN THE MATCH OR NOT, SHALL BE SUSPENDED AUTOMATICALLY FOR TWO MATCHES. THIS COMMENCED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MATCH IN WHICH HE WAS SENT OFF. SAVE FOR SPITTING AT ANOTHER

PERSON WHO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND REPORTED TO THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. ALL EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION MAY DEEM IT NECESSARY TO IMPOSE A GREATER SANCTION.

42. EACH TEAM WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOUR OF ITS PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS ON THE TOUCHLINE DURING THE TOURNAMENT MATCHES. ANY CASES OF MISCONDUCT WILL BE REPORTED BACK BY REFEREES AND WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE AND REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.
43. A PLAYERS AGE GROUP REFERS TO THE AGE GROUP FOR WHICH HE PLAYS IN THE 2026/27 SEASON WHICH REQUIRES HE IS UNDER THAT AGE ON 31ST AUGUST 2026.
44. TEAMS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM TO THE TOURNAMENT THE ORIGINAL OF THEIR OWN LEAGUE PLAYER REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS, WHICH MUST INCORPORATE A COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH OF EACH PLAYER. IF THE TEAMS OWN LEAGUE PLAYER REGISTRATION DOCUMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE A 'PHOTOGRAPH BASED' SYSTEM, THEN THE TEAM MUST BRING WITH THEM TO THE TOURNAMENT ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF IDENTITY AND/OR AGE. (I.E., PASSPORT OR CONFIRMED PHOTOGRAPH AS DETAILED BY R & T TOURS IN THE CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING PACK) OF EACH OF THEIR REGISTERED PLAYERS, IN THE EVENT OF ANY QUERIES, THESE WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY THE COMMITTEE.
45. A PLAYER CAN BE REGISTERED FOR ONE TEAM ONLY IN THE TOURNAMENT. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST TOURNAMENT FIXTURE. ONCE HIS TEAM HAS BEEN ELIMINATED, HE CAN TAKE NO FURTHER PART AT ANY AGE GROUP. CLUBS WITH TWO OR MORE TEAMS OF THE SAME AGE GROUP TAKING PART IN THE TOURNAMENT MAY NOT SWAP PLAYERS BETWEEN TEAMS. ANY TEAM FOUND GUILTY OF BREAKING RULES 39, 40 AND 42 OR 47 MAY BE ELIMINATED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.
46. ALL COMPLAINTS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, WHOSE DECISION WILL BE FINAL. THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY COMPLAINTS RELATING TO REFEREES DECISIONS. THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE DETAILED IN THE TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE TOURNAMENT. FOR SHORT TERM TOURNAMENTS OF THIS NATURE ALL DECISIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ARE FINAL AND ANY APPEALS TO THE FA WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OPERATE IN SUCH TIGHT TIMESCALES.
47. THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO DEAL WITH ANY MATTERS ARISING, NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THESE RULES.
48. THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND THESE RULES.
49. THE COMMITTEE REGRETS THEY CANNOT ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS INJURIES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. THE COMMITTEE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT SHOULD TAKE OUT APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER FOR THEIR PLAYERS.
50. IF ANYONE IS FOUND CAUSING WILFUL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, THE CLUB ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFENDING PERSON(S) WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIM/HER AND ANY DAMAGE CAUSED.
51. ANY MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THESE TOURNAMENT RULES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE CURRENT FA LAWS OF THE GAME AND FA REGULATIONS. THE RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT ARE BINDING ON ALL TEAMS TAKING PART.
52. ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE SUITABLE FIRST AID KITS.
53. THE PLAYING FORMATS FOR THIS TOURNAMENT SHALL BE: U7–U9: 5v5; U10–U11: 7v7; U12–U16: 9v9. TEAMS MUST PLAY IN THE FORMAT DESIGNATED FOR THEIR AGE GROUP IN THESE TOURNAMENT RULES.
54. ALL CLUBS SHOULD BE AWARE OF FA CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES. ALL PERSONNEL TRAVELING WITH THEIR PARTY SHOULD BE VETTED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

- 55. ALL TEAMS THAT ENTER THE TOURNAMENT MUST PLAY ALL GAMES THEY ARE ALLOTTED – IN THE EVENT OF A 'NO-SHOW' 3 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TEAM THAT DOES SHOW OR SUCH ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE AS DEEMED NECESSARY INCLUDING REMOVAL FROM THE COMPETITION.**
- 56. NO ALCOHOL WILL BE PERMITTED AT PITCHSIDE FOR THE DURATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.**
- 57. IN ALL AGE GROUPS TEAMS MAY CHOOSE TO PLAY ON A NON-COMPETITIVE BASIS IN THE TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME WHILE ATTENDING THE TOURNAMENT, ANY TEAM WHO SELECT THIS OPTION WILL BE CLEARLY HIGHLIGHTED IN THE TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME AS PLAYING ON A NON-COMPETITIVE BASIS. ALL FIXTURES WILL BE MARKED AS A FRIENDLY FIXTURE.**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FA REGULATIONS R & T TOURS HAS A CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER.

NOTES: ALL AGE GROUPS: MAXIMUM SQUAD SIZES, TEAM REGISTRATIONS & MAX PLAYING TIMES:

5 A SIDE AND 7 A SIDE TEAMS CAN HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 14 PLAYERS IN THE SQUAD PER TEAM.

9V9 TEAMS CAN HAVE A MAXIMUM OF 16 PLAYERS IN THE SQUAD PER TEAM.

PLAYERS CANNOT BE ADDED OR CHANGED TO A TEAM REGISTRATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT ONCE THE FIRST BALL OF THE FIRST DAY HAS BEEN KICKED BY THE TEAM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONCE A SQUAD IS CHOSEN AND REGISTERED FOR A TEAM YOU CANNOT CHANGE PLAYERS INTO A DIFFERENT TEAM WITHIN YOUR OWN SQUAD ONCE THE FIRST BALL OF THE FIRST DAY HAS BEEN KICKED BY THE TEAM (IE. LIONS PLAYER CANNOT CHANGE TO A TIGERS TEAM) ETC.

IN MOST CASES, TEAMS OF THE SAME AGE ARE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS (THE NUMBER IN EACH GROUP WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF TEAMS IN THAT AGE GROUP) TEAMS WILL PLAY A LEAGUE FORMAT AND IN MOST CASES THE WINNER AND RUNNER UP OF EACH GROUP WILL GO THROUGH TO A KNOCK-OUT STAGE TO DETERMINE THE EVENTUAL WINNERS. AS PER FA REGULATIONS PLAYERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY MORE THAN 60 MINS (U7, U8 & U9), 90 MINS (U10 & U11) & 120 MINS (U12 TO U16) IN ANY DAY. IN ORDER TO MINIMISE TIME WAITING AT THE GROUNDS AND ALLOW TIME TO ENJOY THE FACILITIES OF THE HOLIDAY RESORT, IN GENERAL AT R&T EVENTS U7, U8 & U9 PLAY 60 MINUTES, U10 & U11 PLAY 80 MINUTES, IN GENERAL, AT R&T EVENTS, U12 TO U16 TEAMS WILL PLAY APPROXIMATELY 100 MINUTES PER DAY. THIS IS BELOW THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED 120 MINUTES AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE EVENT SCHEDULE. SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND FULL DETAILS WILL BE ADVISED IN THE TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME.

IN THE EVENT OF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS LOW TURNOUT IN SOME AGE GROUPS, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO COMBINE CONSECUTIVE AGE GROUPS TO FORM ONE COMPETITION I.E. UNDER 7 & UNDER 8 TOURNAMENT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BETTER COMPETITION.

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY YOUR TEAM MUST BE AFFILIATED TO A COUNTY OR SCHOOLS FA. WE DO NOT ALLOW REPRESENTATIVE, FOOTBALL ACADEMY, OR SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE TEAMS TO ENTER. HOWEVER, INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS FROM SUCH TEAMS ARE ALLOWED AS 'GUEST PLAYERS' WITHIN TEAMS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.