

## **Hurst Colts Summer Tournament Rules**

### **1. Name of Competition**

The tournament shall be known as Hurst Colts FC Summer Tournament and shall be played in accordance with the Football association rules and laws of small sided football and these tournament rules. By their participation in the Hurst Colts FC Summer tournament, all teams will be considered to have understood and accepted the tournament rules.

### **2. Age Requirement**

Players must be under the age group limit as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season 2015-16. A player may only register and play for one team in the competition. Any team found to be fielding an over / age ineligible player will be disqualified from the tournament. If a team is found to have fielded an ineligible player, 3 points will be awarded to their opponents. Any team failing to comply may be ruled out of the competition.

### **3. Equipment and Kit**

All players must wear the appropriate kit. All players must wear shin pads and appropriate footwear. Players will be asked to leave the field of play if they are not wearing them.

### **4. Duration of Games**

Matches will have 2 halves of 5 minutes, with an immediate turnaround at half time. Semi-Finals and Finals will be 2 halves of 6 minutes, with an immediate turnaround at half time.

### **5. Teams**

Squad sizes will be of 8 players per team, except for U6's, U7's and U8's, where squads of 9 players will be permitted. Each match will be played between 2 6-a-side teams, inclusive of a goalkeeper, plus a maximum of 2 substitutes.

### **6. Substitutions**

Rolling substitutions will be allowed, i.e. a player who has been replaced may return to the playing area as a substitute for another player. Any substitution

must be made with the referees permission.

### **7. League**

U6's, U7's and U8's: These age groups shall play solely for the enjoyment of taking part. No points will be awarded or leagues kept. U9's to U15's: The tournament in each age group will be split into either one or two groups depending on the number of teams competing. Three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. Depending on the number of teams competing, teams will either progress to Semi Finals, top 2 teams from each group or Quarter Finals, top four teams from each group.

### **8. Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals**

In the event of a draw then the winner will be decided by a penalty shoot out.

### **9. Penalties**

Only players who were on the pitch at the final whistle may take penalty kicks in the shoot out. Each team shall take 5 penalties using different players. If still equal the shoot out will continue on a sudden death basis, initially using players who have not already taken a penalty. No player shall take more than one penalty each until each team member has taken one penalty kick. If further kicks are required, the same principle applies and the sequence will remain the same.

### **10. Referees**

The Referee will be the sole arbiter on points of dispute and he / she shall be empowered to interpret the rules governing small sided football. The referees' decision in all matters relating to the rules of the competition and on the field of play will final. NO DISPUTES REGARDING THE REFEREES DECISIONS WILL BE ENTERTAINED. IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT OVER ANY OF THE LAWS OR TOURNAMENT RULES PLEASE ASK THE REFEREE BEFORE THE MATCH.

### **11. Kick Off Times**

If a team fails to appear at the appointed time, 3 points may be awarded to the opponents. If both teams fail to appear then the game will be declared void and no points will be awarded to either team.

### **12. Laws of the Tournament**

- No offside.

- No drop kicks - the keeper must roll or throw the ball during open play. U6's, U7's and U8's goalkeepers MAY drop kick the ball from open play.

- Goal kicks must be taken from the goal line. U6's, U7's and U8's goal kicks are taken from the edge of the goal area.

- A goalkeeper cannot score direct from a goal kick.

- All other rules of the game shall apply including the back pass rule. U6's, U7's and U8's are permitted to pass the ball back to their goalkeeper.

- All free kicks are direct, excluding those that result from a back pass to the goalkeeper, these are indirect.

- Opposing players shall be at least 5 yards from the ball when a free kick or corner is taken.

- A goal cannot be scored directly from kick off.

### **13. Shirt / Kit Colours**

In the event of two teams having the same or similar colours, the team named second on the fixture will be deemed the away team and change their colours / wear bibs.

### **14. Ball**

The ball used shall be size 4 for all age groups, excluding U6's, U7's and U8's shall use size 3 and U15's size 5.

### **15. Start of Play**

The first named team (the home team) will start the fixture with a kick off from the centre spot.