

Hurst Colts

Summer Tournament 2020

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 2019-20. 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

Group matches will last 10 minutes, with no half time or change of ends. Semi-Finals and Finals will be 12 minutes, with 2 halves of 6 minutes and 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 referee's 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 two groups. Three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. The top 2 teams in each group will progress to Semi Finals. In the event of teams finishing level on points goal difference will determine final position, if that does not split them, then number of goals scored, if still level head to head. Finally, the toss of a coin.

8. Semi Finals and Finals

In the event of a draw then the winner will be decided by a penalty shoot-out, except the final, when an additional period of 5 mins will be played prior to the 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 referee's decision in all matters relating to the rules of the competition and on the field of play will final. NO DISPUTES REGARDING THE REFEREE'S 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

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when a free kick or corner is taken.

-A goal cannot be scored directly from kick off.

13. Shirt and 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 3 for U6-U9's, size 4 for U10-U14's, size 5 for U15's. The first named team (home) shall provide the match ball.

15. Start of Play

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

16. Fouls and Misconduct

Disciplinary sanctions - The use of temporary time suspensions (Sin bins) and the exclusion of a player arising from the issuing of a red card are the recommended disciplinary sanctions for use in small sided football as decreed by the Sussex FA.

Match officials will employ the use of temporary timed suspensions (blue cards) in all cases traditionally regarded as cautionable offences. Referees shall also have the discretion to use a second blue card and a further period of suspension for a second minor offence rather than a second blue card automatically resulting in a red card and permanent expulsion.

The options for a match official imposing disciplinary sanctions are therefore:

- Player shown a blue card and temporarily suspended from play.
- Player issued with a discretionary second blue card and temporarily excluded from play.
- Player issued with a red card and permanently excluded from play.

A blue card offence should always be accompanied by a temporary suspension from play. The period of timed suspension in Short Sided football shall be 2 minutes. The release of players from a temporary suspension should be at the direction of the referee.

17. Insurance

Hurst Colts FC would like to inform clubs that the FA advise it is the responsibility of individual clubs and players to make sure they have adequate insurance, in case of injury to themselves or other players.

18. Disclaimer

Entry to and / or participation in this event is entirely at your own risk. Hurst Colts FC and its appointed agents accept no liability whatsoever for any injury to competitors or spectators howsoever caused. Similarly, Hurst Colts FC and its appointed agents accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage to vehicles and / or property during this event.

19. Conduct

Those of us who are spectators, parents or carers can make a big difference to the experiences our children have when playing football.

This is the code of conduct the FA sets out for clubs, and it is the standard we expect for our tournament: A parent's / carer's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards other players, officials, managers and spectators. Clubs need to ensure that parents / carers / spectators are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children – not just their own – and should encourage everyone to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as their own team.
- Avoid coaching their child during a game.
- Not to shout or scream or use inappropriate language.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give attention to all of the children playing, not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

Please do all you can to uphold these standards and encourage those around you on the touchline to do the same.