



St Joseph's Six-a-Side Football Festival Rules - June 2018

In this tournament registration cards or proof of date of birth must be available on request. Ages relate to the Harrow Youth Football League 2017/18 season.

Each team entered and competing in the tournament shall register not more than eight and not less than six players, together with its team colours and alternative team colours at least thirty minutes before the stipulated kick off time of their first match. Each player shall only play for one team during this tournament. Any team failing to register by the appointed time, or submitting a false or incorrect registration form, shall be dealt with at the absolute discretion of the Organising Committee, **nominally a 1-0 win to the opposition.**

The laws of the Game as settled by the International Football Association Board shall apply, with the exception of the clauses and rules set out herein.

Each team shall consist of six players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. A team may not take the field of play with less than five players. Any team failing to field five players within three minutes of the stipulated kick off time shall forfeit the match.

During each match, substitutions may be made with the exception of the replacement for any player sent off under F.A. Law 12. This can be on a roll on/off basis.

There shall be no off sides.

A goal may be scored from any part of the field of play.

All matches will consist of two equal halves. The duration of all matches shall be 10 minutes for U10's and under and 12 minutes for all other ages. For ages U8s and under, **no knockout games** will be played, only round robin. U9s and U10s will proceed to a semi-final, then final. **No extra time** to be played. Ties shall be decided on penalties. U11s and over will include a quarter final where appropriate. In the event of the scores being level at the end of this period in the quarterfinal, semi-final and the final stages only, a further period of four minutes shall be played. **Golden/Silver goal rules do not apply to this football festival.**

Should the scores still remain equal at the end of the extra time period (applicable for U11's to U18's only), the match shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the International Football Association Board.

Only players on the pitch at the end of play can take penalties. **The ball can only move in one direction, so kicks rebounding off a post, hitting a keeper and going into the net are not legitimate goals.**

- 9 After receiving the ball, the goalkeeper must return the ball into play by throwing and Goalkeeper may roll ball out of area and then kick. **Four-step rule does not apply second rule however does.** Penalty for infringement of this rule will result in an indirect free kick two yards outside the goal area from the point where the goalkeeper released the ball.
- 10 Charging is forbidden. Penalty for the infringement of this rule is a direct free kick.
- 11 The match shall be started (at the commencement of each half) and restarted (after has been scored) by the Referee dropping the ball at the centre of the pitch.
- 12 Goal kicks are to be taken on the goal line (except for 6s, 7s and 8s from penalty Corners and throw-ins are to be taken as normal.
- 13 Opposing players must stand at least two yards from the ball at all free kicks.
- 14 Any player sent off under F.A. Law 12 shall not be allowed to play in any part remainder of the tournament. Any player cautioned shall automatically be suspended from his team's next match. There shall be no appeals procedure in respect of this rule Yellow Cards: incurs automatic suspension from remainder of tournament.
- 15 All players must wear full football kit. Tracksuits may not be worn, with the sole exception of the goalkeepers.
- 16 The Referee shall be the sole arbiter on any points of dispute during any match and shall be empowered to interpret the rules, bearing in mind the best interests of all concerned. The Referees' decisions are final.
- 17 All teams entering the tournament shall have a change of colours available. In the event of a colour clash, the first named team shall change.
- 18 All matches from age group Under 9's and above shall initially be organised on a knockout basis, from which teams will qualify for the quarterfinal or semi-final stages. All quarterfinal and semi-final matches will be on a knock out basis. The under 9's and 10's age groups must not result in any competitor playing more than six matches (60 minutes) per player during the tournament. The Under 6's, 7's & 8's age groups must not result

competitor playing more than four matches (40 minutes) per day during this tournament.

- 9 In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points in the qualifying league stages, the team with the largest goal difference (goals scored less goals conceded) shall be placed in the higher position. In the event of teams having the same number of points and goal difference, the team, which has scored the highest number of goals, shall be placed, in a higher position. Best second team shall mean the team with the highest points from second place teams in the group; if equal, placings shall be determined as above.
- 10 The first named team will supply two match balls; size 3 (up to U9), size 4 (U10 to U14) and size 5 (U15 to U18).
- 11 In the event of disputes or any other matters arising, which are either set out in the rules or are not covered by the rules, the Organising Committee shall have the absolute power to settle all such disputes or other matters arising, and their decision shall be final and binding on all clubs. Any club appealing shall pay a £5 fee, which will be returned if the appeal is deemed correct.
- 12 For U8's and under the retreat rule will apply.