



Tournament Rules

1. The rules of the competition are binding on all competing teams.
2. Referees will be appointed by the organising committee; their decisions are final in all matters relating to the laws of the game and the rules of the competition as stated below. In all other matters of dispute, the organising committee will decide on the day. The committee shall comprise of three Manorcroft United JFC committee members. There is a right to appeal to the Surrey County FA as the sanctioning authority. Any appeal must be lodged within 14 days and accompanied by the fee set out by SCFA directly to the Surrey County FA. This tournament is affiliated to Surrey County FA.
3. All players' names and dates of birth must be handed in to the registration clerk at least 30 minutes before their age groups first game. Once registered no player may play for another team in the competition. All players taking part must be bona-fide members of a club affiliated to its appropriate County FA, the club's affiliation number must be provided on the entry form.
4. Each participating side shall provide a suitable match ball of the appropriate size as per the FA laws (also detailed below).
5. Each participating side shall provide bibs in anticipation of potential colour clash. Bibs should amount to minimum the number of players on the pitch excluding the Goalkeeper; bibs do not have to be numbered.
6. If a Club has more than one team in an age, cross registration is not permitted.
7. Players' eligibility will comply to SCFA Rules.
8. The first team named on the fixture will be asked to change colours in the event of a colour clash.
9. All matches will be started with a kick off; the 1st named side will kick off and the 2nd named side shall chose which end they wish to attack.

The laws of the game of association football for Mini-Soccer shall apply with the exception of:

10. Nominated squads and team size:
 - **U7 & U8** – Nominated 9 Players with 5 playing including the goalkeeper and 4 substitutes.
 - **U9 – U11** – Nominated 11 Players with 7 playing including the goalkeeper and 4 substitutes.
 - **U12 – U17** – Nominated 10 Players with 6 playing including the goalkeeper and 4 substitutes.
11. Roll on Roll of substitutions apply with 2 substitutions permitted at any one time with the referees consent.
12. In the event of a player receiving a yellow card He or She shall take no further part in that particular game. This player cannot be substituted or replaced. The players name will be recorded by the referee and then at the Registration tent.
13. A player receiving a red card or a second yellow shall take no further part in the tournament.
14. Goal kicks. For age groups under 7, 8, 9 & 10 the kick shall be taken from the edge of the area, for under 11+ the kick shall be taken from the dead-ball line inside of the goal area. The opposition must be outside the box or 3m away from the ball if taken from the edge of the box.
15. Goalkeeper with the exception of U7 & U8 can only return the ball into play by rolling under arm. (i.e. No drop kicks / dropping the ball and kicking)
16. There will be no offside law applied.

- A- Opponents must retreat at least 3m at all 'dead ball' situations, all free kicks are direct with the exception of technical offences committed in the penalty box which will be taken from the penalty spot. *Back pass infringements will be punished with a direct free kick from the edge of the box nearest to where the infringement occurred*
- B- For age groups U8+ the back pass rule will apply (All competitive age groups)
- C- The duration of play will be 12 minutes one way for U11+ with 10 minutes for U6-U10 with the exception of Semi Finals and finals which will be 5 minutes each way with an immediate 'turn around'. Allowances for stoppages will only take place in the event of a long injury delay.
- D- Points will be awarded in group games except in the U7 age group. 3 Points for a win, 1 Point for a draw. The referee will submit a result card at the end of each game, this will record the score and any disciplinary details.
- E- In the event of a tie on points at the end of the group stages final positions shall be decided by:
 1. *Goal Difference*
 2. *Goals Scored*
 3. *Head to Head record of the two teams*
 4. *Penalty shoot-out, sudden death.*
- F. Groups will filter into a knockout stage. Teams progressing to the knock out stages will be seeded with winners of a group facing the 4th placed team from the opposite group and 2nd will play 3rd from the opposite group. For age groups with 3 groups the highest points scoring team will play the last 3rd place qualifier and so on in ascending format. Losing Quarter finalists will exit the tournament with no further fixture. Losing Semi Finalist's will play a Final match competing for the Plate, the winners will progress to the Cup Final.
- G. Knock out games shall be decided in the event of a tie by 5 penalties for each team, except for the final which will have 3 minutes extra time one way, this will be after a change of ends at the end of normal time'. In the event of a draw after Extra Time then Penalties will decide the game. Penalties will be best of 5 and if still level sudden death. In line with the FA & Fifa laws. (Only the players on the field of play at the final whistle may take a penalty kick)
- H. All FA 'Codes of Conduct' will apply for Players, Coaches, Managers, Club Officials, Spectators and Parents / Guardians. A player receiving a Red or Yellow card shall be reported to their local County FA
- I. The Manorcroft United Organising committee reserve the right to remove any individual or team from the site and the incident will be reported to the Surrey County FA.
- J. Teams and Managers accept the rules on registering at the competition.

Awards and Trophies

All awards will be presented at the Clubhouse, the presentation area will be clearly marked and the organising committee ask that only those involved with the team receiving awards enter the presentation area.

Each team accepts that Manorcroft United have employed a photography company to take pictures for attendees to purchase should they wish. Please be aware that before proceeding to the presentation, those not allowed in photographs should be considered.

All Under 7's will ALL receive a medal for participating.

Cup Finalists will receive:

Club Trophy and individual trophy for each player winning the Final. Runners up Medals for each player of the losing finalists.

The team winning the 'Plate' final shall receive a Plate and silver winners medals. Runners up will receive a bronze medal.