

Follow The Rules!

Undy Juniors U12-U16 Tournament Rules

Coaches are required to read and adhere to these rules to help us to ensure that the tournament runs smoothly and safely. Team managers are responsible for the conduct of their players and supporters at all times.

Registration

1. Each manager must register their team at the club house registration desk at the specified time for their age group. 9am for U15/16 and U12, 2pm for U13 and U14. Players must compete in their age group for the 2019/20 season. U15 and U16 will be playing as one combined age group.

2. Players who are attached to an Academy or School of Excellence are allowed to play but they must be registered to the team at this tournament.

3. Players can only play for one team during the tournament. Proof of age must be produced on request. Please ensure this is available on the day (e.g player licence or photo ID). Any team playing an over-age or ineligible player will be disqualified and points expunged.

Rules

4. A fixture list will be handed out during registration.

5. Teams must be at the allocated pitch, ready to kick-off, at the programmed time. The first named team will change shirts/bibs in the event of a colour clash. Referees and match balls will be allocated for each game.

6. The referee will toss a coin to determine which team kicks-off the match. To save time, a team may not elect to change ends - in case of dispute the referee will decide the direction of play.

7. THE REFEREE'S DECISION ON ALL MATCH POINTS IS FINAL. We have a Zero Tolerance Policy relating to abuse of match officials - abuse may lead to bookings, suspensions, expulsion from the tournament and a ban from entry in future years. You have been warned!

8. Points are awarded as follows:

Win - 3 points

Draw - 1 point

9. Teams will be awarded a 1-0 win in matches against teams in their group who fail to turn up or fail to fulfil their fixture. The team who does turn up will need to kick off with the correct number of players and score thus winning the game 1-0. If both teams fail to turn up the result will be a 0-0 draw and both teams will get 1 point.

10. U12s, U13s, U14s, and U15/16s will all consist of 4 groups. In all age groups the top two teams from each group will qualify for the quarter-finals. The winning 4 teams will then go through to the Semi-final and the 2 winners will go through to the Final.

Follow The Rules!

11. Group Stages - A team's position in the group is determined by the number of points gained. If two or more teams are level at the end of the group stage, the following criteria will determine the final positions:

- The team with the best goal difference. If still level then (b)
- The team scoring the most goals. If still level then (c)
- The result of the game between the two teams. If still not resolved then (d)
- A penalty shoot out. 3 penalties per team then sudden death. No player can take more than 1 penalty until all players have taken a penalty and they must then repeat in the same order. The penalty format will be ABAB.

12. Knock Out stages (Quarters, Semis and Final). In the event of a draw at the knock out stage teams will play an additional 3 mins extra time played to the "golden goal" rule. If there is no score during extra time there will then be a penalty shoot-out consisting of 3 penalty kicks for each team then sudden death as above.

13. If a player receives a caution, they may be banned from the team's next game. This will be decided by the tournament committee following advice from the referee. Any player receiving two cautions or being sent-off will be disqualified from taking any further part in the competition. Any player, club official or spectator who is cautioned or sent off during the tournament will be reported to their relevant County FA.

14. Match rules

- Teams may register a maximum squad of 10 players with 6 players to be on the pitch at any one time.
- Rolling substitutions are permitted but the referee must be informed.
- There is no offside rule.
- Direct free kicks and penalties are allowed.
- Goal Keepers are not allowed to kick out of their hands. ALL goal kicks must be thrown.
- Winners and runners up only will receive a medal (10 per team).
- Winning Team will receive a trophy.

15. Spectators must keep clear of the pitches at all times. No spectators are permitted behind the goals or on the playing surface. Only coaches, players, and match officials are permitted on the playing area.

16. In the interests of safety dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

17. We do not allow barbecues or football games other than the official matches.

18. Any damage caused to property or equipment at this tournament will be charged to the club or person responsible.

19. Most importantly we hope you enjoy your day. Act sensibly and enjoy the football.