



THEPRIDEOFKNUTSFORD

EGERTON CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. Competition Management** The tournament Organising Committee will adjudicate in all cases of dispute, protest and complaint
- 2. Qualification and declaration of players.** All teams will be required to report at least 30 minutes before the published start time of the competition irrespective of the start time of their first match. On arrival, each team must complete and submit a Team Declaration Form. **All players declared must be bona fide amateur member of a Club and should meet the age qualifications as at 31st August.** Should any reasonable queries arise relating a players age, proof of the date of birth will be required. Team managers should ensure that they have a change of strip available for use in the event of colour clash (bibs are acceptable).
- 3. Players Equipment** Football boots or trainers shall be allowed. Shin Pads must be worn. The wearing of any jewellery, including earrings, is prohibited. No footballs, other than those used for the competition, shall be allowed. Any other footballs will be retained by the Organising Committee and returned at the end of the competition
- 4. Field of Play** Each pitch will be a standard mini-soccer pitch. The penalty area will be clearly marked. The pitches will be roped off. The goal size will be 12 feet by 6 feet. Size 3 or Size 4 footballs will be used as appropriate for the age-group. All footballs will be provided by the organizing committee. No person, other than the manager, one assistant, the players and the officials shall be allowed on the pitch side of the rope. All spectators must remain behind the rope, and must not support from behind a goal area.
- 5. Competition** In the qualifying competition, **three points will be awarded for a win, two points for a scored draw, and one point for a scoreless draw.** In the event of two teams completing the qualifying stage with equal points, the positions will be decided based on: Goal Difference-Goals Scored-Penalty shoot-out. Each quarter-final, semi-final and final will consist of a 10-minute match played with no halves. Should the score be equal at the end of normal time, then winners will be decided by a penalty shoot out. The following rules apply in the case of a penalty shoot-out. The shoot out will be performed on the basis of three penalties by each team with the team that scores more of the three kicks being the winner. If scores are equal after the initial three kicks, then a 'sudden death' phase will be entered – with each team taking one kick and the winner being decided by one team scoring and the other failing to score. The players on the field at the final whistle must be used. If the shoot out is to decide a qualifying place, the manager may select any player from the squad. The manager must notify the referee of the name and shirt number of the players selected to take the penalties. Any team failing to report for a match on time will forfeit the match, with a 2-0 win being awarded to their opponents. This also applies to teams that do not report for the competition.
- 6. Playing rules** for Under 9 to Under 12 will follow rules as adhered to within the Mid-Cheshire Youth League. **The U7 and U8 age groups** – keepers are allowed to kick from their hands but not pickup pass backs. Results will not be kept, and all players will receive a medal at the end of their matches.
- 7. Officials** Registered referees will be appointed, and at the conclusion of each game the referee shall be responsible for notifying the Organising Committee of the result via the pitch steward. Time keeping will be the sole responsibility of the referee. Any time added on for stoppages will be at the discretion of the referee. **The referee's decision is always final.**
- 8. Misconduct** Any player who receives two cautions during a game, is dismissed from the field of play, or is reported by the referee for misconduct will take no further part in the competition. The offending player should change out of their kit for the rest of the competition. The organising committee, reserve the right to expel any team from the competition for serious or persistent misconduct. All cases of misconduct will be reported to the Cheshire County FA. Any player, spectator or team official found to have damaged any property will be deemed to be guilty of serious misconduct, and will be expelled from the competition.
- 9. Trophies** All winning teams (Under 9s-Under 12s) will receive a Cup in each age group. All members of the winning squad will receive an individual trophy. All members of the runner up squad will receive an individual medal. **All players in the Under 7 and Under 8 age groups will receive individual medals.**
- 10. Protests and complaints** All questions; of eligibility, qualification of players, qualification of teams and interpretation of rules will be referred to the organising committee. The organising committee's decision shall be considered final at all times. No protest in relation to the size of the playing area, or football will be deemed acceptable once a game has commenced.