

RULES OF THE ISLEWORTH YOUTH SUMMER COMPETITION**1. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

- 1.1. The Tournament Committee shall have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the rules of the competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the competition.
- 1.2. The IYFC Tournament Committee appointed to organise the 2023 competition are:

• Chairman	Mr Christopher Webster
• Secretary	Mr Jamie Brunton
• Tournament Director	Mr Nik Screen

2. COMPETITION

- 2.1. The Competition will be known as the **Isleworth Youth Summer Tournament 2023**
- 2.2. The Competition has been sanctioned by Middlesex FA. The competition, all clubs and players and other persons shall be governed in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Football Association except for law 3 (number of players), law 7 (duration of the game) & law 11 (off-side).
- 2.3. Additional local rules for the 5-a-side format games will be applied (11. Playing Rules)
- 2.4. The competition is by **open invitation**. Applications to take part in the tournament will only be considered as final, once a fully completed registration form has been submitted and payment confirmed as received. The Tournament Committee will confirm applicant entries as final, no less than 14 days prior to the tournament.

3. AFFILIATION

- 3.1. All clubs must be affiliated to a County Football Association, during the 2022/23 playing season.
- 3.2. No team must enter this competition in the name of an affiliated club without the full knowledge and authority of that club.
- 3.3. An entry fee of **£50** per team shall be payable by **1 June 2023**.

4. AGE GROUPS

- 4.1. Age groups will relate to the **2022/23** season.
- 4.2. The Competition shall be divided into the following age groups: (please tick as appropriate)

Age Group	U7	U8	U9	U10
Male or Female or Mixed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 5.1. Each team shall register a maximum squad of **8** players on the day of the competition.
- 5.2. Before the commencement of the Competition, all clubs shall produce a list of players eligible to participate (together with details of their dates of birth). All players shall be bona fide members of their listed club.
- 5.3. If any of the 8 players are not recorded as being on-site, before the start of that team's first match, the whole team will be excluded from the tournament.
- 5.4. A player may not play for more than one team throughout the duration of the tournament.

6. PLAYER MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. Each team shall appoint a manager who is over 18 years old. It is the manager's responsibility for ensuring their team of 8 players:
 - 6.1.1. Have all been registered upon arrival, no later than 30 minutes before their first match
 - 6.1.2. Wear the mandatory security wrist band provided at registration at all times until they leave the venue at the end the event. The wrist band identifies all players and managers needing access to pitch areas and other team only zones. No wrist band = No ability to play in any match
 - 6.1.3. Are ready to commence play on the correct pitch at the correct time in accordance with the final event schedule, its associated guidance notes and the specific direction of IYFC officials on the day.
 - 6.1.4. Are all wearing shin pads, appropriate footwear and the football kit registered for the event
 - 6.1.5. All have enough food, water and sunscreen for their personal well-being.

- 6.2 It is the manager's responsibility to ensure all players and their supporters have received, read and agreed to these tournament rules and associated additional guidance notes. This is for theirs, and others safety.

7. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 7.1. The Competition is based on an initial League Basis followed by Knock Out for u8s, u9s and u10s.
 7.2. All u7s teams will receive Medal recognition for taking part in the initial League format of 4 games each. At the end of that, 4x group teams with the highest points, will play against each other in 2x Finals. All 4 final teams will each receive a trophy
 7.3. The Formats for each Age Groups are listed below:

Age Group	League stage scoring	Knock-out stage scoring
Match result determination	3 points for win, 1 for draw, 0 for loss. Goal difference will NOT be used for teams with equal points at end of group stage to determine final rankings for knock-out stages. In cases of tied points in any group, the head-to-head match result will count. If the tied position is still not resolved, a coin toss will take place.	Winning teams will progress each round. Losing teams will be eliminated. Penalties, or Extra Time + Penalties, will determine ties.
U7 (20 teams)	4 groups x 5 teams each 4 matches played by each team The 4 teams finishing <u>1st in their group</u> will progress to the Showcase Finals stage . All other teams will receive medals for taking part during a fun presentation ceremony.	Showcase Finals 4x group winners only > into 2x semi finals. ALL TEAMS WILL GET AWARD FOR TAKING PART 2x semi-final winners > into Showcase Trophy match 2x semi-final losers > into Showcase Plate match Winners will receive either the Showcase Trophy cup or the Showcase Plate cup. 2x Final losers will get a r/up trophy
u8s, u9s, u10s (16 teams each)	4 groups x 4 teams each 3 matches played by each team All teams will progress to the knock-out stage. The 8 teams finishing <u>1st or 2nd in their group</u> , will contest in the Trophy knock-out finals . The 8 teams finishing <u>3rd or 4th in their group</u> , will contest in the Plate knock-out finals .	Trophy & Plate Finals (per age group) Winning teams will progress and losing teams will be eliminated during Trophy and Plate final stages. 16x teams will play in their respective quarterfinals 8x quarter final winners will play respective semi-finals. 4x semi-final winners will play in Trophy or Plate finals. Winners will receive either the Trophy or Plate cups. Trophy and Plate final losers will receive a r/up award

8. PITCHES, TIMINGS AND DURATION OF MATCHES

- 8.1. All pitches will be suitable for 5-a-side matches, with identical sized goals for each specific age group.
 8.1.1. All u10s (morning) and u9s (afternoon) matches will be played on 3G pitches, with side walls.
 8.1.2. All u8s (morning) and u7s (afternoon) matches will be played on grass pitches, with no side walls.
 8.2. All matches will be **8 minutes** in duration, with no break. For tied matches in knock-out stages, see section 10. *Scores and Results*.
 8.3. Managers must ensure players do not exceed FA's guidelines on total day playing time for their age.
 8.4. Players must commence each match promptly. Only the first 10 players starting each match may enter the pitch area. Warm-up clothing or practice balls are not permitted in the pitch areas.
 8.5. Managers and substitutes must remain outside the pitch areas in the designated areas provided, unless authorised to enter the pitch by the official.
 8.6. Food, water or first-aid equipment are not permitted on the pitch areas, except in an emergency.
 8.7. It is a condition of tournament entry, that all team members adhere to these rules and have reviewed the additional guidance notes for entering and leaving matches in the *Tournament Support Pack*.

9. KIT & BALLS

- 9.1. Match balls of the correct weight and size for each age category will be provided by IYFC. Any team observed removing a match ball from a designated pitch, will be asked to leave the event.
 9.2. Each Team will register its tournament colours when returning their final registration form. Should there be a clash of colours, the (home) team for the match, shall change strip, or wear the bibs provided. Teams playing in a kit that is predominantly black or navy may be asked to wear bibs at any time.

10. SCORES & RESULTS

- 10.1. All scores shall be confirmed by the official at the end of each match and shall remain final.
- 10.2. Each team manager shall sign and return their match result card to tournament HQ without delay.
Results will be updated as soon as possible and displayed on HQ monitor (or/and Tournament App)
- 10.3. In the $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ final knock-out stages, if a match remains level after 8 minutes, teams will immediately enter a penalty shoot-out of 3x kicks, per team. The team to play first will be determined by coin toss. If there is still no result after 3 kicks each, a coin toss will determine the match result.
- 10.4. In the knock-out Trophy Finals and Plate Finals, if a match remains level after 8 minutes, 3 minutes extra time will be played. If there is still no result after 3 minutes, a penalty shootout of 3x kicks per team will first occur. The team to play first will be determined by coin toss. If scores remain drawn after 3x kicks per team, the same 3 players per team will continue taking kicks under sudden death conditions. The first team to miss, will be runner's up.
- 10.5. All players shall attempt their penalty shot, by starting no more than 1 stride away from the penalty mark.

11. MATCH RULES

- 11.1. The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the rules and regulations of The Football Association except for:
 - 11.1.1. Law 3 (number of players) = 5 per match, 8 per squad maximum
 - 11.1.2. Law 7 (duration of the game) = 8 minutes games + 3 minutes extra time when needed
 - 11.1.3. Law 11 (off-side) = there will be no offside
- 11.2. Substitutions are permitted at all times, as roll-on, roll-off, once the referee has agreed it is safe to do so. Play will not stop for substitutions (except for injuries). New players may not enter any enclosed pitch area, until the substituted player has left it. We encourage substituting a maximum of 3 players per team, per match (injury excepted). Once a penalty shoot-out is declared, no substitutions can occur.
- 11.3. During 3G pitch matches (u10s, u9s) a ball striking a side wall shall be played continually, unless it contravenes any other ruling. When a ball crosses the bi-lines or strikes the end walls behind the goals, the ball is deemed out of play and the match recommences with either a goal kick or a corner.
- 11.4. During grass pitch matches (u7s and u8s), if the ball goes outside any external pitch markings on any side, either a throw in, goal kick or corner kick shall take place. Throw-ins should be taken by rolling the ball in. Corner kicks must be under knee height
- 11.5. Goal kicks must be played by the goalkeeper kicking the ball out, under knee height
- 11.6. On all matches (u7s, u8s, u9s and u10s) the following adapted 5-a-side rules shall apply:
 - 11.6.1. When the ball is kicked, headed or thrown above head height, the offending team will incur an indirect free kick against them. The kick will be taken as close to the infringement as possible. If the offence takes place within any goal area, the free kick will be taken from the nearest point, 2m outside the goal area, unless a direct penalty kick has been awarded instead.
 - 11.6.2. A single defending player may form a stationary wall, a minimum of 2m away from the point the indirect free kick is being taken. All other defending players must remain 2m away from the free kick.
 - 11.6.3. A defending player deliberately entering the goal area to prevent a goal being scored, shall incur a penalty against them. An attacker deliberately entering the goal area, shall have any resultant goal disallowed and the goalkeeper will re-start the match in the normal way.
 - 11.6.4. Any player accidentally entering the goal area due to natural momentum will not be penalised.

GOALKEEPER RULES

- 11.6.5 The goalkeeper is the only player allowed within the goal area. They may not leave that area during the match, except to take a penalty. If they leave the area, they incur a penalty against them.
- 11.6.6 Goalkeepers can save the ball in their area with their hands, feet, head or body. If re-starting the game from their hands, they must roll the ball out, under knee height. When re-starting the game for a goal-kick, the goalkeeper may only kick the ball out under knee height.
- 11.6.7 If a goalkeeper passes the ball out to his own player, the ball must be played to another player on the same team, or strike an attacking player, before the keeper can pick it up. *i.e. no 1 move back pass*
- 11.6.8 U9s and U10s only. After one warning from the referee, goalkeepers who do not carry out the restart of the match in the manner described (11.6.6 & 11.6.7) may incur an indirect free kick 2m outside the goal area.

12. REFEREES, PLAYERS AND TEAM CONDUCT

- 12.1. Volunteer and paid referees approved by the Tournament committee will be asked to officiate matches. During the group league stages, this may include using volunteers or coaches from teams playing in the tournament, but who's team are not directly involved in the match they are officiating.
- 12.2. Yellow and Red cards shall be issued in accordance with FA Guidance. A player accumulating two yellow cards in the tournament, will miss the next match. If a second yellow occurs during a single match, the player will receive a red card and be sent off. They will not play any further part in the tournament
- 12.3. Any serious player misconduct will be reported to Middlesex FA by the referee as normal.
- 12.4. FA RESPECT values will apply to all players, coaches and supporters for the duration of the Tournament. Following discussions with match officials, if players, managers or supporters are found to be consistently using disruptive behaviour, bad language or disregarding the advance rules and guidance of the Tournament and its volunteer officials, the Tournament Director, without further justification, may elect to carry out any of the following actions:
 - 12.4.1. Deduct 2 (two) match points from the team, before final calculation of the league stage rankings
 - 12.4.2. Award an automatic win to the opposing team, during any knock-out match
 - 12.4.3. Ask team supporters to leave the venue
 - 12.4.4. Ask the team to leave the Tournament

13. MISCONDUCT

- 13.1 Anyone showing serious misconduct, anti-social and age-inappropriate behaviour of a safeguarding nature, on or off the pitch and in and around the venue at any time during the tournament will be:
 - 13.1.1 Reported to the safeguarding and welfare officer on-site and associated FA authorities, post event
 - 13.1.2 Filmed, photographed or their verbal conversations recorded by IYFC officials
 - 13.1.3 Reported to the police immediately, should an imminent threat be detected.

14. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- 14.1. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee, whose decision on the matter shall be final.
- 14.2. No objection relative to the dimensions of the playing area, surfaces or other appurtenances thereon shall be entertained by the Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the start of a game.
- 14.3. Any Appeals against the decision of the Management Committee must be made to discipline@middlesexfa.com within 14 days of the notification of the decision and be accompanied by an appeal fee of £10.00.

15. SPECTATORS & NON-PLAYING TIME

- 15.1. Spectators are responsible at all times for the safety, well-being, security and behaviour of their own player(s) and everyone else under 18 years old in their own group, for the duration of the tournament, unless they are under the direct team supervision of their respective manager during match times only.
- 15.2. Certain areas of the venue will only be accessible to players and coaches wearing a security wrist band, monitored by IYFC officials. Spectators may not access any pitch or team match waiting area, unless invited to do so by an IYFC official, or in a medical emergency. Spectators should watch team matches from the RESPECT Fan Zones marked on the venue site map and sent to all teams in advance.
- 15.3. When your player or team is not competing in matches, teams and their visitors should relocate to the Family Zone, Team Zones and Celebration Zones to relax in. This helps the smooth transfer of playing teams into and out of pitches throughout the day and for the safety of everyone.
- 15.4. It is a condition of entry that each team Manager has brought the Tournament Rules and the accompanying "Visitor Guidance" in our Tournament Support Pack to the attention of their players and supporters in advance of 1 July 2023.

We look forward to your teams enjoying the Isleworth Youth FC Summer Tournament 2023.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Nik Screen

Tournament Director

On behalf of the Tournament committee and IYFC Management committee
Approved by Middlesex FA, May 2023.