



WESTWOOD WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Southern Counties Five & Six-a-Side Championship



Competition Rules

TEAMS

1. All team managers should report to the control room and register from 0800 to 0830 for morning games and 1300 to 1330 for afternoon games. For the U7 age group please see individual notifications as times vary.

Team lists are required containing the names and dates of birth of **all** players. A maximum of eight players can be named and entered for each team, seven for U15's. Only **two** visiting or guest players can play for each team (i.e. players who were not registered for that team during the season). Players can only play for **one** team during the tournament.

2. There will be six players for U7-U14 and five for U15's on each side with a maximum of two substitutes. Rolling substitutions being allowed during a stoppage in play, with the referee's permission.
3. All players age groups as per 2008/2009 season, i.e. U12 for this season is U12 for the tournament.
4. In the event of a colour clash, unless there is agreement between the teams to the contrary, the second named team will change.
5. It is vital that managers ensure their teams are present and ready for matches at the appointed times. *If teams are late they will forfeit the match with a notional score of 0 – 2.*
6. The first named team will supply a suitable size 4 match ball (age groups U7's – U14 and all girls) and size 5 for U15's.

MATCHES

7. All league matches will be **eight minute-games** with no half times. A knock out stage will be played in age groups U9 – U15 and girls only. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will be 10 minute games with no half times. These times may be altered at the discretion of the committee. Allowance for stoppages, time wasting etc. will be at the sole discretion of the referees.

Should circumstances dictate times may have to be changed, you will be notified of this during the managers briefing.

LEAGUE COMPETITION U9 – U15 & GIRLS

8. **WIN** - 3 points, **SCORE DRAW** - 2 points, **GOALLESS DRAW** - 1 point, **LOSE** - 0 points

The competition will be run on a league basis with teams qualifying for the Knockout Cup and Consolation Cup. **For full details refer to each age group in the programme.** League positions will be decided on the following criteria in order of importance:

- (1) Points, (2) Goal difference, (3) Goals for, (4) Result when team played each other, (5) Toss of a coin

The U7/8 event will be a friendly participation event in strict accordance with the County FA ruling on prohibiting younger age group competitive football. All participants will receive an award for taking part.

PLEASE REFER TO THE MATCH DAY PROGRAMME FOR EXACT SCHEDULE

CONSOLATION AND KNOCKOUT CUP COMPETITIONS - "SUDDEN DEATH"

9. If the scores are level at full time penalties will apply. Three penalties will be taken alternately by a player from each team. If the score is equal after the three penalties have been taken, then the "Sudden Death" rule will apply. One player from each team will take a penalty until one has scored and one has missed. No player may take a second penalty until all the other players in the team have taken their turn, including the goalkeeper. This will also apply for the knockout stage in the girl's leagues. Only players on the pitch at the end of extra time will be allowed to take part in the penalty competition.

CONDUCT

10. A player who is shown a yellow card will not be permitted to play in their teams next match. **A player sent off the field for misconduct will take no further part in the competition and their place in the team cannot be filled by a substitute in that match, including any subsequent penalty competition. We ask all managers and representatives of clubs and teams to read the Code of Conduct and ensure all parents, players and spectators are fully aware of its contents.**

REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

11. (i) Referees for all matches will be appointed by the Committee and the referees' decisions on all points of play will be final.
- (ii) Managers please note that abuse of officials by managers, players or supporters will result in immediate disqualification of the **team**.
- (iii) **The areas behind both goal lines on all pitches are out of bounds to all players, managers' parents, spectators, etc., whilst any game is in progress. The managers and referees will ensure this will apply before & during all games.**

PLAY

12. The normal rules of Association football will apply except:
 1. There will be no off-side.
 2. The back pass rule **will** apply as per the normal laws of the game for age groups U9 to U15 inclusive. Any back pass will be dealt with as per laws of the game.
 3. Goalkeepers must not kick the ball from their hands. Once the keeper controls the ball with his hands he must release the ball *with a throw* and cannot kick the ball until played by another player. Infringement will result in an indirect free kick from where the offence occurred (*this does not apply to U7/8's*)
 4. Goal kicks must be taken from the goal line.
 5. *In the U7/8's goalkeepers can ignore rule 4 above. Goal kicks to be taken from the edge of the penalty area.*

DISPUTES

13. Any disputed points (other than those of play) will be decided by the Appeals Committee whose decisions will be final. Any appeal concerning the outcome of a match must be lodged in writing within 10 minutes of it finishing, accompanied by a deposit of £10.00 which will be returned in the event of the appeal being upheld.

QUERIES

14. Any points not covered by the above rules should be referred to the Appeals Committee whose decision will be final.

TROPHIES

15. Trophies remain the property of Westwood Wanderers Football Club and must be signed for before leaving the tournament. They must be returned to the club by 30th April 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS

16. All managers, players and spectators are asked to ensure that no damage is caused to pitches and goals, that the field is left tidy and free from litter at the end of the competition. Black plastic bags will be provided to each manager for his team's litter.