

Braishfield Bees Youth Football Club



(The Recreation Ground, Braishfield, Hampshire. SO51 0QF)

6-A-Side Football Tournament 2025

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TOURNAMENT RULES

REGISTRATION:

All teams **MUST** report to the registration area upon arrival to confirm their team (sheet) from their emailed 2 character check-in code and to confirm attendance. Team will be considered **NOT** present if not confirmed.

There will be NO on pitch managers briefing session before matches – each team is deemed to have read and understood the rules – copies of which will be contained within tournament programme and sent to managers/coaches/secretaries pre tournament via www.braishfieldbeesfc.co.uk By registering, you are confirming all your players are both registered with your club (9 maximum) and are in the appropriate age group. Please bring proof of eligibility of all players on the day as spot checks maybe carried out by tournament organisers throughout the day. Any checks made and player/s found to be in the incorrect age group may result in disqualification / exclusion from the tournament.

The Tournament Organiser reserves the right to alter or modify the tournament in the event of a late withdrawal/no show of team/s. **Please note that no VEO cameras are permitted on site and their use is prohibited and you will be asked to remove them if found to being used**

SECTION 1

TEAMS:

A maximum of 6 players on the pitch at any one time (**5 for U7s/ U8s**) and 9 players per squad are permitted. No player shall play for more than one competing team or age group. It is the responsibility of team manager/coach to ensure **ALL** players are entered in the correct age group for season 2025/26. Any player / teams entered in incorrect age group may result in disqualification / exclusion from the tournament.

PITCHES:

Pitch size will be U7's/U8's - 40 x 30 yds, U9's - 50 x 30 yds, U10s - 13s 60 x 40 yds and U14s to 16s 65 x 30 yds 4G.

GOALS:

All age groups will play with mini soccer sized goals 12 X 6.

DURATION OF MATCHES:

To be confirmed on the day and will be dependent on pool size. Matches will be played straight threu with no half-time. Home team will have kick off and away team has choice of ends. NO more than 1 minute turnaround between matches is required so teams **MUST** be ready to play next match as final whistle blows.

MATCH RULES:

Normal mini soccer rules will apply (U7s,U8's/U9's/U10's). U11's and over please see Section 2. All age groups are competitive.

MATCH CONTROL / REFEREE:

A Referee together with a Braishfield Bees YFC Pitch Marshall will be appointed for each match. The Referee is in control of each match and their decision is final and will **NOT** be over ruled. The Referee Organiser/Tournament

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Organiser will **NOT** enter into discussions concerning a referee, their decisions and/or the laws/rules. **We operate a zero tolerance of any abuse / misconduct towards a referee.** Any reported abuse will result in any player, coaching team, parent or supporter being excluded and asked to leave the premises immediately.

KIT / COLOUR CLASHES:

The team drawn first are deemed to be the home team. In the event of a colour clash between teams or with the match official, the "away" team is to provide bibs or an alternative colour match shirt. The tournament organisers will provide a match ball of suitable size for age group / event. Ball to be returned to referee at end of game.

GROUP PLACINGS:

Group placings will be decided on the following:

- 3 points for a win
- 3 points (and 1-0 result awarded) for a BYE if a team do NOT turn up to the tournament, removed during group stage or fielding an incorrect age group (over aged) player / team
- 3 points (and 1-0 result awarded) if a team refuses to play or withdraws from a match.
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss

Determining group positions is auto calculated in the following order; 1. Points accrued / 2. Goal difference / 3. Goals for / 4. Who won the head to head but if draw / 5. Penalty shoot-out (see below)

At the knockout stage (semi finals / final); in the event of a draw there will be a penalty shoot-out (see below).

In the event of a team being removed from the tournament (or fielding an over aged player / team, ie Under 12s in Under 11s) or withdrawing themselves during group stages, any results that had been played or still to play the opposition will receive 3 points and a 1-0 win. At knockout stages, the opposition will be awarded a BYE with a 1-0 win.

KICK OFFS:

Opposing players must be 5 yards away (3 referee paces) away from the ball.

PENALTIES / SHOOT-OUT:

If required, penalties will consist of five penalties (**3 for under 7s and 8s**) per side which will be taken alternatively indicated to the Referee before the commencement of the shoot-out. If the two teams are still level after taking penalties then there will be a sudden death shoot-out. Each penalty taker must take **NO more than 2 steps back** and will only take one penalty, unless the shootout goes to sudden death in which case penalties will be taken in same order as the 1st five. Who goes 1st to be chosen by the toss of a coin by the referee. The Goalkeeper on the pitch at fulltime **MUST** be the goalkeeper who faces the penalties in shoot-out and NOT be changed over prior to shoot-out.

N.B. All players and coaches apart from the 'kicker and the GK' must be on the halfway line when the kick is taken.

GOAL KEEPERS (GK):

U7,U8, U9, U10 - GK can fly kick (punt) the ball out, they can roll the ball out of their box and then 'kick it' or they can throw it out underarm or overarm. GK can come out of their boxes to clear but cannot dribble and venture over the halfway line with the ball however, they can take a free kick in their own half.

GOALKICKS:

U7,U8, U9, U10 - Goal kicks can be kicked from anywhere on the frontline of the penalty area.

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U7, U8, U9, U10 – players must retreat to halfway line when goal kicks taken under the direction of the referee. The referee will be in line with halfway so they know where to stand.

BACK PASSES:

The goalkeeper cannot pick up the ball from a back pass or a throw in (except u7/8s).

FREE KICKS:

All free kicks are **direct** and the defending team must retreat 5 yards away from the ball (3 referee paces). However, if awarded in the penalty area it will be **indirect** and will be inline of the penalty spot adjacent where offence took place (If the free kick is given in the penalty area and is normally a penalty kick, ie foul tackle or handball then it will be a penalty).

CORNERS:

Defending players must be 5 yards away (3 referee paces) from the kicker.

THROW-INS:

Normal rules apply; throw-ins can be taken from the spot or further back, but not further forward. If the thrower gets the throw wrong, the same thrower will take the throw again, after a quick instruction by the referee. If that player gets in wrong again, the throw-in will go to the opposing side

PASS-INS / DRIBBLE INS:

Normal rules apply; the kicker that takes may touch the ball again before it's touched by another player. The ball must be stationary on the touchline upon delivery at the point where it left pitch. All opponents must be 5 yards away from the kicker / touchline when taken. A goal **CANNOT** be scored directly from a pass in.

HEADERS:

Other than age groups **U7s, U8s, U9s and U10s which is NOT allowed**, heading of the ball is allowed and will not be penalised however, it is not to be encouraged.

OFFSIDE:

There is NO offside in any age group.

SUBSTITUTES:

On a rolling basis at any point in the match once the ball is out of play – but must be authorised by Referee before entering field of play. No extra time will be added on for substitutions.

DISCIPLINE:

Sin Bin - for a maximum of 3 minutes for dissent, arguing, kicking to the referee and kicking the ball away.

Red Card - will be used for violent conduct, dangerous play, e.g. studs up tackle, fighting or swearing. Normal FA rules apply.

Any red cards issued to a player/s will mean they will **NO** longer take part in the rest of the tournament.

PROTESTS:

Any complaints/appeals are to be made to the allocated Pitch Marshall directly after a match but within 5 minutes

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of match finishing. No protest in relation to a decision by the Referee shall be entered into. In the event of any other dispute the Pitch Marshall will refer the issue to the Tournament Organiser, whose decision is final.

SAFETY:

In accordance with FA rules, and our own Tournament rules the wearing of jewellery/piercings of any description is banned. Piercings/rings and the like must be removed prior to entering the field of play. Shin pads (**NOT Micro**) are mandatory and **MUST** be worn at all times.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Any rule not covered above will comply with FA Mini Soccer League / FA rules. Supporters are reminded to abide by the FA Respect Campaign and remain behind the designated spectator barriers/cones or line at **ALL** times and **NOT** enter the field of play. (**NOTE:** Only teams that are playing on 4G are allowed onto pitches and parents/guardians/supporters of playing teams to stand behind lower fence. All other non-playing teams; including coaches, players, parents/guardians are to remain outside high fence until playing).

SECTION 2

The following additional rules apply to **U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 and U16 groups**. In order to allow the games to flow, we have taken the decision to adopt the following rules for the older age groups.

GOALKEEPERS (GK):

GK **CANNOT** fly kick or volley the ball out however, they can roll the ball out and kick it or throw **underarm ONLY** (Throwing overarm will result in indirect free kick on edge of penalty area adjacent to the offence). GK can come out of their boxes to clear but cannot dribble and venture over the halfway line with the ball however, they can take a free kick in their own half.

GOAL KICKS:

Goal kicks can be kicked from any part of the back touchline. Should a player other than the goalkeeper take goal kicks the goalkeeper **MUST** stand behind the goal line.

COACHES / PARENTS / SUPPORTERS:

Please remember this is a youth football tournament and is ultimately about fun and enjoyment. Any protests and disputes that are not dealt with in a calm and friendly manner will be seen as a breach of rules and FA Respect guidelines which could lead to disqualification and removal of team from tournament and reported to Hampshire / relevant County FA.

You are **ALL** responsible for the conduct and welfare of your players/children/supporters. **We** shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of property nor be held liable for any injury sustained by any player, coach/manager or your supporters whilst attending the tournament.

The Tournament Organiser will disqualify any team for **serious misconduct / damage / damage to property** belonging to / hired / lent to BBYFC by any of your players, coaching teams, parents and supporters and person/s held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement whilst within the confines of Mountbatten School (including car park / neighbourhood areas) and reported to Hampshire / relevant County FA. Any communication to Braishfield Bees Youth Football Club volunteers, external vendors / or Tournament, whether verbally, in person, text, email or social media deemed to be unsuitable/abusive/offensive will be reported to Hampshire FA/relevant County FA