

Brigg Town JFC 2017 5 a side Tournament Competition Rules

The BTJFC tournament committee shall adjudicate in all cases of complaint, including any matter not included within the rules. The Tournament Director or nominated adjudicator's decision will be final. Unless stated otherwise, the normal rules of association small sided football shall apply.

1. Number of players and rolling substitutes:

All age groups are 5 a side & squads shall consist of 8 player's **maximum** for each competitive age group - one of whom must be a goalkeeper. Substitutes can roll on and off, providing there is a break in play.

2. Players:

All players must be eligible to play in their respective age group based on FA guidelines. No fully registered "Academy" or "School of Excellence" players will be allowed to compete.

3. Balls: A size 3 ball will be used for age groups U6 through to U9 and size 4 balls for all other age groups U10 to U15.

4. Players Equipment:

All players will be responsible for not using equipment or anything that is dangerous to either other players or themselves. All jewelry must be removed, and shin pads must be worn by all players. Shin pads must be fully covered by the player's socks.

5. Discipline:

Brigg Town Juniors support the development of the leagues younger referees and as a result it is expected that all players, managers and spectators respect / support the referees on the day and behave with good sportsmanship, in a friendly manner during the tournament.

Decisions of the referees are final and not open to debate.

A caution received in the competition will result in the player missing the next game. Any player receiving a red card or a second caution will take no further part in the competition.

Any queries should be made to the referee's coordinator or Tournament Director.

In all cases of ill-discipline, the referee will report the matter to the Lincolnshire Football Association.

Any foul and abusive language by players will be considered an immediate red card.

Any behavior deemed as unacceptable to the tournament committee may affect that team's further participation in the tournament.

6a. Competition basis for **U6s to U8s (Sunday 16th July)**:

The under 6's 7's & 8's this year will be a non-competitive league in accordance with Football Association guidelines. All teams will play each other once and medals for every player taking part will be awarded after all games have concluded. All matches shall consist of two periods of 5 minutes each way, with 30 second turn around being allowed for half time. The referee will be sole arbitrator of playing time. **Teams MUST be at the correct pitch at the designated time to ensure fixture timings are not compromised.**

6b. Competition basis for **U9s to U12s (U11/U12 on Saturday 15th and U9/ U10 on Sunday 16th)**:

The first round will be played on a league basis with 2 leagues of 8 teams. Three points will be awarded for a win and one point each for a draw. League placing, where teams are level on points, will be determined by the following; a. Goal Difference, b. Goals Scored and c. Penalty Shoot Out. The top 4 teams from each two groups will form the knockout European cup quarter-finals (1st place in group A playing 4th place in group B, 2nd place in group A playing 3rd place in Group B etc...) and the bottom four teams from each group will form the Europa Cup quarter finals (5th place in group A playing 8th place in group B, 6th place in group A playing 7th place in group B etc...). Winning teams will form the semi-finals followed by the final.

In the event of a draw in the knockout stages, extra time of 2 minutes each way will be played. After normal time and extra time have been played, and the scores are still level, then the match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out. All league matches, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals shall consist of two periods of 5 minutes each way, with 30 second turn around being allowed for half time.

The referee will be sole arbitrator of playing time. **Teams MUST be at the correct pitch at the designated time to ensure fixture timings are not compromised.**

A trophy / individual player's medals for the winners & individual player's medals for the runners up will be awarded at the end of the U12s & U13s European Cup & Europa Cup competitions.

6c. Competition basis for U13's to U14s (Saturday 16th July):

The first round will be played on a league basis of 8 teams. Three points will be awarded for a win and one point each for a draw. League placing, where teams are level on points, will be determined by the following; a. Goal Difference, b. Goals Scored and c. Penalty Shoot Out. The 8 teams will form the knockout European Cup quarter-finals. 1st place will play 8th place, 2nd playing 7th, and 3rd playing 6th and 4th playing 5th. Winning teams will form the semi-finals followed by the final.

In the event of a draw in the knockout stages, extra time of 2 minutes each way will be played. After normal time and extra time have been played, and the scores are still level, then the match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out. All league matches, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals shall consist of two periods of 5 minutes each way, with 30 second turn around being allowed for half time. The referee will be sole arbitrator of playing time. **Teams MUST be at the correct pitch at the designated time to ensure fixture timings are not compromised.**

A trophy / individual player's medals for the winners & individual player's medals for the runners up will be awarded at the end of the U13 & U14 competition.

7. Penalty shoot-outs:

All 5 players who are on the field of play at the end of the match shall each take a penalty. If the scores are level after the first round of penalties, then they shall continue with the same players in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other.

8. Results: The manager of the winning team will be responsible for taking the result card to the Results Tent. In the event of a draw, the referee will nominate a manager from either team to submit the result.

9. Goalkeepers rules:

- a. Goalkeepers can kick the ball out of their hands in the U6s to U8s section as per normal rules.
- b. Goalkeepers in U9s and upwards keepers must throw the ball out either under arm / overarm **or alternatively drop the ball to the ground before kicking.**
- c. Pass backs cannot be picked up as per normal Caparo / Jack Kalson Rules. If a back pass is picked up from a back pass or a ball is kicked out of the keeper's hands in U9 & upwards, then a free kick is awarded outside of the penalty area in a direct line to where the offence occurred.
- d. All goal kicks for U6s to U8s are to be taken from the front of the penalty area.
- e. All goal kicks for U9s upwards will be taken from back line.

10. Retreat Line Rules:

In the U6 through to U10 age groups all opposition teams will retreat to the half way line when the other team has a goal kick. In all other age groups, the retreat rule will not apply.

11. Ball out of play:

When the ball goes out of play (throw-ins) a normal throw in will be used to recommence play. If the ball goes out for a corner a normal corner kick will be taken.

12. Free kicks and kick offs:

All free kicks are direct and all players must be 5 yards away from free kicks and kick offs. If the 5-yard rule infringes on the goal area the ball must be moved back to allow 5 yards. All free kicks will be direct and any infringement in the penalty area will result in a penalty being awarded.

13. Offside: There shall be no offside.

14. Registration Fees and Team's:

A fee of £25 per team shall be due before the tournament to the registration BTJFC contact (David Raines). The maximum number of players to register for each competitive team shall be 8 for 5 a side teams.

All teams should be registered between 8.30am & 9:15am latest on the day of the tournament to ensure we have all teams registered on time.

The Tournament kicks off at 10.00am prompt to ensure timings are kept on track.

15. Toilets will be available. Refreshments, entertainment and official photographs are available for purchase on the day.