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PITCHSIDE SUMMER TOURNAMENT 2021

**RULES &
INFORMATION
BOOKLET**

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WELCOME

Firstly welcome to the Pitchside Youth Summer Tournament 2021. We hope after all the craziness over the past year that we can kick start the new season with a day of fun competitive football in the form of a one day tournament.

Please take the time to read through this booklet which has information regarding the day, the match day rules and where to find your fixtures and timetable for the day. As you can appreciate we'll have 52 teams on site along with other organisations using different parts of the site at times too so we've tried to put as much information in here as possible.

REGISTRATION

On arrival please register your attendance to the tournament officials at your designated registration area. The officials will be able to assist with any tournament queries you may have on the day.

Please register your team(s) by the following times:

- U7/9/13 Teams please register by 8.40am (Registration point A)
- U11/12 Teams please register by 11.40am (Registration point B)
- U8/10/14 Teams please register by 1.10pm (Registration point A)

At registration you must hand in your completed team sheet. Team sheets cannot be changed once submitted.

Please bring a change of kit or bibs in case of a colour clash.

VENUE DETAILS

Bradley Football Development Centre, Grimsby, DN37 0AG

Please note parking is limited due to the multi-use of the centre on the day. Please bare this in mind when arriving and finding spaces. The overflow grass car park (right hand side as you go through the gates) will be open. **Please do not park on the kerbside outside the venue.**

If you arrive around 11.20am for U11/12 and 12.50pm for U8/10/14 this will give time for other sessions to leave to free up spaces. If you arrive too early you may be waiting for spaces.

Only managers/coaches and players will be allowed on the 3G itself. Parents/spectators must watch from the perimeter.

For grass 9v9 matches spectators must stay behind the respect barriers on the opposite side of the field to the coaches/managers.

No BBQ's are allowed. The café will be open selling teas, coffees, hot and cold food throughout the day.

There is space around the 3G and the grass pitches to setup base if you wish to bring a gazebo/tent.

Please do not attach these to the 3G itself to allow people to spectate around the perimeter.

First aid will be provided on site and changing facilities are available if required.

There may be some inflatables/stalls around the site as well.



FIXTURES

Fixtures will be published a few days before (or earlier if all slots are filled) on www.pitchscores.co.uk. The results will be updated shortly after each round of matches for you and parents/spectators to view the results and tables.

Please bring your own printed copy of fixtures if you wish as no printed copies will be available on the day. We have a very tight schedule so please make sure you arrive in good time for your fixtures.

Game lengths are as follows:

- U7—12 mins one way (no knock outs)
- U8—12 mins one way (no knock outs)
- U9—10 mins one way
- U10—10 mins one way
- U11—15 mins one way
- U12—15 mins one way
- U13—10 mins one way
- U14—10 mins one way

Please note that game lengths are subject to change based on the number of teams. Should this happen teams will be informed via email prior to the event.

Winners and runners up will receive mementoes for each age group.

PHOTOGRAPHY

We will have our photography partners Photeam on site during the day. If you have any players who cannot be photographed please let a member of the tournament staff know on registration.

Photos may be used on social media.

COMPETITION RULES

These rules are 'tournament rules' and are in addition to the 'Laws of association football' and 'The laws of mini-soccer football'. A copy of these Laws can be downloaded from the FA website.

RULE 1 – COMPETITION NAME

- i) The name of the Competition shall be the:
The Pitchside Summer Tournament
- ii) The competition shall be affiliated to Lincolnshire County Football Association.
- iii) The Competition will comprise teams in the following age groups:
U7,U8,U9,U10,U11,U12,U13 and U14 (based on 2021-22 season)

RULE 2 – ENTRY TO COMPETITION

- i) Entry to the competition is by invitation of the Management Committee.
- ii) The Entry Fee is £35 per team for youth football
- iii) Any team withdrawing from the competition after having accepted the invitation for entry will forfeit its entry fee, unless otherwise directed by the Management Committee.

RULE 3 – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The competition shall be governed by a Management Committee who shall be responsible for the running of the competition. The Management Committee's decision on any of the Competition Rules, or on any matter not covered by the rules, shall, subject to Rule 9 and 10, be final and binding.

RULE 4 – QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- i) All players must be registered with the competition on the Competition Registration Form available for download from the website.
- ii) No player who is under a County FA or any Affiliated Organisation suspension is eligible to play in the competition.
- iii) No player who is registered for an academy is allowed to complete
- iv) Age groups are based on 2021-22 age groups.

RULE 5 – TEAMS

- i) A maximum number of players per team for youth teams are set out below and no player shall play for more than one competing team. All players must be within the correct age group.
 - U7 – 5v5 (10 players)
 - U8 – 5v5 (10 players)
 - U9 – 7v7 (12 players)
 - U10 – 7v7 (12 players)
 - U11 – 9v9 (14 players)
 - U12 – 9v9 (14 players)

- U13 – 6v6 (10 players)
 - U14 – 6v6 (10 players)
- i) In the event of a colour clash the second named team shall change colours. No team shall wear black or very dark shirts.

RULE 6 – SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes will be on a roll-on/roll-off basis with the permission of the referee.

RULE 7 – MATCH RULES AND FORMAT

- i) The competition will be played on a “Festival” League basis for all age groups. There will be 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a defeat. In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points their position shall be decided on:
- (a) goal difference (b) goal scored (c) Head to head (d) deciding match/es played under the conditions as laid down by the Management Committee
- ii) All teams will play a maximum of:
- U7/8 60 minutes per day
 - U9/10 90 minutes per day
 - U11/12 120 minutes per day
- iii) All teams shall be at their designated pitch 5 minutes prior to kick-off times and the referee shall order the match to commence on time. Failure to arrive at your pitch in good time may forfeit the match.
- iv) In knock-out matches where the score is equal at the end of full-time matches will be decided by the taking of penalties in accordance with the Laws of Association football.

RULE 8 – REFEREES

Registered Referees shall be appointed to matches.

Referees will wear black uniform.

RULE 9 – PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretation of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee within 15 minutes of the game or decision being made.
- ii) Any dispute occurring between teams in the competition shall be referred to the Management Committee whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

RULE 10 – MISCONDUCT

- i) Referees shall report to the County Football Association all case of serious misconduct (ie. Breaches of Law 12 or of FA Rule and/or Regulation).
- ii) Cautionable offences should be reported to the Competition Management Committee who shall record such against the name of the player, who should he receive two cautions in the competition should be excluded from the next applicable fixture.

- iii) Any player who has been sent from the Field of Play for an offence covered in above shall be banned for the next match. If a player commits an offence deemed to be 'assault' or cause serious injury they will be expelled from the tournament.

RULE 11 – POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Any other Rules or issues that are not contained in the Rules will be dealt with and covered by the Management Committee.

MINI-SOCCER SPECIFIC RULES

Under 7,8,9 and 10 will play to The FA's mini soccer rules. This includes:

- Goalkeeper cannot pick up a pass back
- Throw in's will be mandatory for all age groups
- Retreat line will be used at goal kicks

9V9 SPECIFIC RULES

Under 11 and 12 will play to The FA's laws of the game.

Each team will be required to supply an assistant referee for each match they participate in.

6V6 SPECIFIC RULES

Under 13 and 14 will play to The FA's mini soccer rules with the following exceptions:

- No retreat rule for U13/14

PITCHSIDE YOUTH SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Pitchside Youth Summer Tournament is part of the Pitchside Football Leagues organisation providing low cost organised football in the Grimsby area. The competition is affiliated to the Lincolnshire Football Association and as such governed by the rules and regulations as set down by the County FA.

This information booklet is correct as of 10th August 2021. Any alterations to this booklet and a new copy will be issued to each competition team.

PITCHSIDE CONTACT

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