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# PITCHSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## #SCORE AT THE STADIUM

SANDS VENUE, 15TH MAY 2022

## RULES & INFORMATION BOOKLET

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# WELCOME

Hello Everyone,

We're really excited to welcome you to our very first "Score at the stadium" competition for grassroots teams. The day is going to be a full festival style event with lots of football going on from within the stadium itself. What's better than playing a tournament on the main pitch of a professional club?

Pitchside has been organising tournaments of all shapes and sizes for a number of years with over 30 years of experience behind us between our staff so you can expect an exceptionally run tournament.

In order to help this happen please take time to read our information booklet and pass information on to your players, parents and other coaches to ensure no hiccups on the day.

As always we want fun to be at the forefront of our competitions so we look forward to seeing you on the day and hope you have a really good experience.

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Pitchside Football League

## SANDS VENUE, SCUNTHORPE

Formerly known as Glanford Park, the stadium has been the home of Scunthorpe United since 1988 and was one of the first new purpose built Football League stadiums to be built for 33 years at the time.

The stadium holds 9,088 and had a record 9,077 attendance for a 5-2 loss against Manchester United in the League Cup on 22 September 2010.

We are really grateful for Scunthorpe United for allowing us to work with them to provide such a great experience for the grassroots community.

## ON THE DAY INFORMATION & EXPECTATIONS

We want everyone to enjoy their day out with us and as such we expect that all teams are responsible for all persons within their party. Our staff should not be expected to police your own spectators and we reserve the right to ask anyone who causes disruption or disregard to the festival nature of the day to leave.

## CAR PARKING & THE VENUE

The Sands Venue (Jack Brownsword Wy, Scunthorpe DN15 8TD) has a large car park situated directly outside the stadium. Please use the marked bays to park your cars and to allow as many vehicles to park as possible. There is no charge for car parking.

Access to the venue will be via turnstile number 8 (closest entrance to the ticket office) which is located via the Easy Buy Stand (West corner of the stadium).

There will be a **£3** charge for adults / over 14's which will include a printed fixture list / schedule of the day. Children under 14 will be free of charge.

There will be no charge for your players and up to 3 members of your coaching team.

The stadium will open at 8.30am for players, teams and spectators. Should you need to leave the stadium for any reason you can receive a stamp to gain re-entry from the exit turnstile. You are free to stay as long as you wish to watch other sessions.

Food and drink will be available inside the stadium from the stadium staff. No dogs will be allowed inside the stadium (except guide dogs) and strictly NO alcohol to be brought into the stadium. You will be free to move around the stadium to enable your spectators to have a good view of your matches and plenty of space to setup "camp" for the day. **Strictly no spectators** are allowed to enter the field of play for any reason. They should speak to a member of staff should they need to enter the field of play and permission will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.

Please use the bins provided and let's leave the venue as we started with at the start of the day.

# ARRIVAL

Morning session teams should aim to arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am.

From 9am teams will gather at the tunnel area ready for you to walk out onto the pitch with your team names called out. On entry to the pitch you'll line up for your official team photograph by our photography team. After this you are free to make your way to your pitches ready for first kick offs at 9.15am.

Tunnel times: 9am (U7 teams), 9.05am (U9 teams), 9.10am (U11 teams).

Afternoon session teams should aim to arrive between 12.30pm and 12.45pm.

From 1pm teams will gather at the tunnel area ready for you to walk out onto the pitch with your team names called out. On entry to the pitch you'll line up for your official team photograph by our photography team. After this you are free to make your way to your pitches ready for first kick offs at 1.15pm.

Tunnel times: 1pm (U8 teams), 1.05pm (U10 teams), 1.10pm (U12 teams).

A member of staff at the tunnel area will register you as being in attendance.

# ACCESS TO THE PITCH

There will be 4 pitches marked out on the stadium pitch. These will be made up of temporary markings in the form of tape lines and flat cones. This allows us to ensure we leave no external markings on the pitch itself.

As there will be limited space on pitch, we are operating a wristband access only policy. We will be issuing all players and up to 3 coaches with wristbands for access to the pitch. These will be given out on arrival in your welcome pack. You will be asked to submit your team sheet 3 days before the event to allow us to organise this. (Obviously should you have any late changes you can just let us know and we'll organise as we can after this date).

Access to the pitch will be via the gates next to the "Dugouts" which will be manned with our event staff. You are free to enter and exit the pitches via these gates throughout the day upon showing your wristband. Players and coaches will also have the option to visit the home and away changing rooms. These will be open throughout the day for your team to have photos and maybe even a quick team talk? Simply ask a member of staff at the tunnel entrance for more information.

## FIXTURES & FORMATS

In order to maximise your playing time on the pitch we will be playing the following formats for each age group:

- U7 & U8 – 6 teams will play a round robin tournament of 12 minute one-way matches. The winner of the group will be declared the tournament winners and the 2nd placed team will be declared the runners-up. There will be no knock out matches at these age groups.
- U9/10/11/12 – 6 teams will play a round robin of 10 minute one-way matches. The top two teams will then play a final to be declared the winners/runners up. 3rd and 4th placed teams will play off for 3rd place and 5th and 6th placed teams will play off for 5th place.

All our fixtures, results and league tables will be available via our online Score Centre. This can be accessed by going to [www.pitchscores.co.uk](http://www.pitchscores.co.uk) and will be available approximately 1 week before the event itself. Our event team will be updating these throughout the day you can keep track via your phone.

U7,8 will play 5v5 (Squad of 10) and U9,10,11,12 will play 7v7 (Squad of 12)

## MEDALS & PRESENTATION

All players who attend the event will receive either a participation medal, runners up medal or winner's medal. The winning team will also receive a tournament winner's trophy to take and keep. After your final game please make your way to the presentation area where our team will be on hand to issue you with your awards on our Pitchside presentation stage.

Please listen out to stadium announcements throughout the day as we have a tight schedule for both games and presentation.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

We have our onsite photography team Photeam ([www.photeam.co.uk](http://www.photeam.co.uk)) taking action shots and official photos throughout the day. Match day photos will be available to buy starting from £5 including commemorative framed photos of your special day.

We will also be videoing and recording matches throughout the day. If you have any concerns please let a member of staff know on arrival or via email before the day. Any recorded matches will be uploaded to our YouTube channel and we'll be posting photos and videos via our social stream throughout the day and days afterwards.

## TEAM SHEETS

All teams are required to submit an online team sheet prior to the event. This will be used to organise wristbands and ensure we have enough medals available for the day. Minor changes can be made on the day by speaking to a member of the event staff on arrival, however please contact us before the day where possible.

Strictly no academy players allowed to play in this competition. Any team found to be playing an academy player may be disqualified.

Teams are based on 2021/22 age groups.

Team sheets will be sent out closer to the event date.

## OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

commemorate the day we will be producing a match day programme which will include a small write up from each team along with fixtures and photos. We will be writing to you shortly to provide us with your write ups and photos!

There will be a small charge for these on the day.

# 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 Football League—Score at the Stadium, Sands Venue**
- 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 and U12 (based on 2021-22 season)

## RULE 2 – ENTRY TO COMPETITION

- i) Entry to the competition is by invitation of the Management Committee.
- ii) 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 – 7v7 (12 players)
  - U12 – 7v7 (12 players)
- ii) 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**

- i) Registered Referees shall be appointed to matches.
- ii) 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**

All age groups 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 (U7-10 age groups only)



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## **PITCHSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE—SCORE AT THE STADIUM**

Pitchside Score at the Stadium is part of the Pitchside Football Leagues organisation providing low cost organised community football. 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 25th April 2022. Any alterations to this booklet and a new copy will be issued to each competition team.

### **PITCHSIDE CONTACT**

Pitchside Football Leagues is a partnership company. All league business and enquires can be directed to the below:

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