

Cleethorpes Town FC Youth Tournament

25th & 26th June 2022

Tournament 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 Cleethorpes Town FC Youth 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 and application by clubs & teams.

(ii) The Entry Fee is £25 per team.

(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 30 minutes before the tournament begins. Team registration opens at 09:00.

(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 compete.

(iiii) All players must be within the correct age group as per FA rules. A player must have reached the age of 6 to be eligible to play in the U7 age group.

(iv) Girls in all female teams may be permitted to play an age group down.

(vi) Age groups are based on 2021-22 age groups. Photo's and proof of age may be requested by the management committee.

Rule 5 - TEAMS

(i) A maximum number of players per squad is 8 and no player shall play for more than one competing team.

(ii) In the event of a colour clash the second named team shall change colours.

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 5 a side "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
U13/14	150 minutes per day

Game times will be published on the day and will not include a half time period.

(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) The top two in each league will progress to the semi final knock out stage. Winner of league A will play the runner up in League B and the winner of League B will play the runner up in league A. 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. There will be no extra time.

(v) U7, U8, U9, U10 will use size 3 match balls.

U11, U12, U13, U14 will use size 4 match balls.

(vi) Goalkeepers are not permitted to kick the ball out of their hands. The referee will stop play and restart it from the goalkeeper. This applies to all age groups.

(vii) The retreat line will be in force for U7, U8, U9, U10 age groups. All other age groups there will be no retreat line.

Rule 8 - REFEREES

Registered Referees shall be appointed to matches.

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 (i.e. Breaches of Law 12 or of FA Rule and/or Regulation).

(ii) Cautionable offences should be reported to the Competition

Management Committee, who then shall record such against the name of the player, who should he/she 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 and be reported to the County FA.

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.

The Tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FA's Respect Code of Conduct guidelines and each team manager will be responsible for the conduct of his or her team, staff and spectators.

All Social Media, Photography and recording must follow best practice and all FA guidelines. If unsure please ask the management committee.

The Lincolnshire FA Safeguarding Officer is Sarah Pridmore 07973 666778
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It is advised that players and their parents/carer consider their own private insurance to cover claims arising from their own injury or that of another player.