

# **The Grimsby Referees Association Football Tournament**

## **Tournament Rules 2018**

These rules are 'tournament rules' and are in addition to the 'The laws of mini-soccer football' which do apply for all groups. 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 Grimsby RA Football Tournament (5 a-side / 7 a-side)**

(ii) The competition shall be affiliated to Lincolnshire County Football Association.

(iii) The Competition will comprise teams in the following age groups:

**Under 7's – Under 12's (Boys Mini Soccer)**

### **Rule 2 - ENTRY TO COMPETITION**

(i) Entry to the competition is by invitation of the Management Committee.

(ii) The Entry Fee is £20 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 - OFFICERS OF THE COMPETITION**

The Officers of the competition shall be the committee of the Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District Referees' Association.

### **Rule 4 - 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 5 - 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 Lincolnshire County FA or any Affiliated Organisation suspension is eligible to play in the competition.

(iii) Age groups are based on 2017-2018 age groups which mean that for example an Under 11 team – all players must be under the age of 11 as at

midnight 31st August 2017.

### **Rule 6 - TEAMS**

- (i) A maximum of 10 players per team for mini-soccer youth teams and no player shall play for more than one competing team. All players must be within the correct age group.
- (ii) In the event of a colour clash the designated away team shall change colours.

### **Rule 7 - SUBSTITUTES**

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

### **Rule 8 - 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) deciding match/es played under the conditions as laid down by the Management Committee
- (ii) U7/8 teams will play a maximum of 60 minutes per day. U9 teams and above will play a maximum of 90 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 9 - REFEREES**

Registered Referees shall be appointed to matches.

### **Rule 10 - 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 11 - MISCONDUCT**

(i) Referees shall report to Lincolnshire 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 (i) 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 12 - POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Any other Rules or issues that are not contained in the 11 Rules will be dealt with and covered by the Management Committee.