



TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Teams shall consist of 5 players (one must be the goalkeeper), plus a maximum of three substitutes. Substitutes may be used on a roll on/ roll off basis, referees must be notified by the manager of any substitutes, only five players allowed on the field of play at any one time.
2. A player can only play for one team in the tournament, player transfers will not be allowed.
3. All players must be of the relevant age group for the 2018/2019 season, date of birth proof may be requested by LOB FC Officials.
4. U7 to U15 games shall be a straight 8 Minute game. We reserve the right to alter this if a team Withdraw's late. Toss of coin to decide ends prior to kick off.
5. There will be 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 point for a loss.
6. Normal FA Mini-soccer rules will apply; i.e. all free kicks are direct (opponents must be a minimum 3 metres away from the ball), kicked corners, kicked goal kicks, regulation throws, all players may enter or leave the area, only the goalkeeper may handle the ball inside the area, goalkeepers cannot pick up back passes, goalkeepers may leave the area.
7. All starts including restarts after a goal will be from a centre kick, a goal cannot be scored direct from the start or restart.
8. All U6 to U9 matches will be played with a size 3 football.
9. All U10 to U14 matches will be played with a size 4 ball, all others with a size 5.
10. Any player booked will miss the next game. Any player receiving two bookings in the Tournament or is sent off will take no further part in the tournament.
11. The referee's decision will be final in all matters relating to the rules of the game. All breaches of discipline dealt with by the referee will be reported to the Lincolnshire Football Association.
12. All group positions will be decided on the following criteria:
 - (a) Points awarded
 - (b) Goal difference
 - (c) Goals scored
 - (d) If still tied a penalty shootout will take place (all penalty shoot outs will be best of five basis, if still tied a sudden death process will follow by the five players).
13. The U6 age group is run as a fun festival with medals for all players.
14. Progression into the quarter finals:
1st place will play 4th and 2nd place will play 3rd from the opposite division.
15. Drawn games at full time in the quarter, semi-finals and finals will be followed by a straight 4 minutes (see rule 4) of extra time (toss of a coin to decide ends). If the game is still level at the end of this time a penalty shootout will take place by the five players remaining on the pitch, see rule 12(d).
16. Should a team not arrive at the tournament a 1-0 win will be awarded to the opposition.
17. The decision of the organisers will be final on any matter.

Our Tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FA's RESPECT programme and each team manager will be responsible for the conduct of themselves, their players and their parents.

