



6-a-side Soccer Festival 2010 Rules

1. A.F.C. Urmston Meadows Six-a-Side Soccer Festival will be governed by the rules and regulations of the F.A. Matches will be played in conformity with the laws of the game, unless stated below.
2. The committee has the power to apply, act upon and enforce the rules of the festival and has jurisdiction over all matters including any matters not provided for by the rules.
3. All teams shall register by 9.00am. Games to start at 9.30am. On arrival, each team must complete and submit the team declaration form provided. Up to 8 players can be declared for in a particular team, no player can play for more than one team. Please try to ensure a change of strip. In the event of a clash the second team will be required to change.
4. U7 & U8 will use size 3 football. All others will use size 4.
5. Two substitutes may be used in any game. Substitutes may operate in a "roll-on, roll-off" basis. This means that a player who has been substituted may be re-used to take further part in the same game. The referee must be made aware of all substitutions.
6. Any team failing to report for a match will forfeit that match and a 2-0 score will be awarded to their opponents.
7. All qualifying games will be played one way, with the time for the game to be announced on the day.
8. In the qualifying rounds, three points will be awarded for a win, two points for a score draw, one point for a goalless draw. If two teams or more are on the same points to qualify then it will be decided firstly by goal difference and then if necessary by goals scored.
9. In the event that a decision cannot be made regarding rule 8 for a qualifying place, this will be decided on penalties as in rule 11.
10. All Finals, Semi-finals, Quarter-finals and Third place play-offs will be of 5 minutes duration each way. If scores are equal, a further three minutes of extra time will be played one way. If scores are still equal, then the winners will be decided by penalties in accordance with rule 11.
11. In the event of a penalty shoot-out :
 - a) Only the final 6 players on the field at the end of the game shall be used.
 - b) The goalkeeper must be one of the 6 players.
 - c) The team manager must advise the referee of the names of the 6 players, in order of taking penalties, before the shoot-out commences.
 - d) Each side will initially take 6 penalties.
 - e) If the scores are still level then sudden death occurs and penalties will be taken in the original order until a winner is reached.
12. Play will be started and re-started after a goal as normal FA laws of the game.
13. Players are allowed in the goal area.
14. If goalkeepers leave their area, a penalty kick will be awarded.
15. Goalkeepers can clear the ball by throwing either over or under arm. They can save with their feet. For age groups Under 9 and above, if a goalkeeper kicks the ball clear, a direct free kick shall be awarded 2 yards outside the goal area, nearest the point where the ball left the area. Goalkeepers in the Under 7 and Under 8 age group may kick the ball clear.
16. When a free kick has been awarded, players of the offending team shall retreat a minimum of 2 yards from the ball.
17. In the event that a goal kick would normally be awarded, the goalkeeper shall play the ball as defined in rule 15. For Under 7 & Under 8 matches, goal kicks shall be taken from the penalty spot.
18. The off-side law shall not be enforced.
19. Passing back to the goalkeeper shall be allowed, but once the goalkeeper releases the ball to a player, that player cannot pass back directly to the goalkeeper. In this instance a direct free kick shall be awarded.
20. Any player dismissed from the field of play (Red card), or receiving two yellow cards, will not be permitted to take any further part in the festival.
21. All cases of misconduct will be reported to the Manchester County F.A.
22. Photography (still or video) is not permitted at any time during the festival with the exception of team photos following presentations and the appointed professional photographers.



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