



The Kelpies Cup 2019

TOURNAMENT RULES – COMPETITIVE 11s

1. Rules.

All the matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as laid down by the International Football Association Board (IFBA) (current edition), as issued by FIFA unless specified otherwise in the present regulations.

The organising association, above, has received the necessary permission to host the tournament from the SYFA and SWF.

The organising association shall form an organising committee/ tournament committee, which shall be responsible for all arrangements in connection with the competition.

2. Referees.

All Matches will be controlled by referees registered with the SYFA and SWF.

3. Teams

Only teams, leagues or associations who are affiliated to a recognised national association and are invited by the host club are eligible to take part in the tournament.

4. Team Leader.

Every team must be accompanied by an adult over 18 years of age, the name, contact number and email address must be given in advance on the application form. This adult will be deemed to be the team leader and he/she will be responsible for the behaviour of the players, on and off the field of play. He/she will be held responsible for the actions of the team within the sports complex and within all other facilities available to the team.

5. Age category

- Group 2006 – born on or after 1st January 2006
- Group 2005 – born on or after 1st January 2005
- Group 2004 – born on or after 1st January 2004
- Group 2003 – born on or after 1st January 2003
- Group 2002 – born on or after 1st January 2002
- Group 2001 – born on or after 1st January 2001
- Group 2000 - born on or after 1st January 2000

Age control. tournament committee, a registration sheet, which shall contain the full name, date of birth and team number of a maximum of 18 players. All players must provide proof of their age and identity. They may be asked to show this proof at any time.

6. Duration of Play

Each game shall be of 1 equal period of 25 minutes one way. The tournament committee has the right to alter the duration of play and the tournament format, should a situation arise which makes this necessary.

7. Tournament Format.

Preliminary Rounds: Each team will play each other in their section once. The number of points attained will determine the final positions of teams in the preliminary rounds. The points system applied will be:

- 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.

Where teams are level on points in their group the following will apply:

- the result of the mutual match – goal difference will be taken into consideration
- the drawing of lots or where time allows the taking of kicks from the penalty spot

Placing Matches – Intermediate rounds.

In the event of a draw, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the system laid down by the International Football Association Board in order to determine the winners.

Finals.

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The referee will mark the result of each match on the team sheet, which will be returned to the control centre where the co-ordinator will record the score.

The tournament cannot be responsible for informing teams of kick off times. It is their responsibility to check online.

8. Awards:

Trophies will be presented to the first and second placed teams in eleven a side ages only. Where a supplementary competition is organised the winners will receive a trophy and medals – the runners up a trophy only

9. Team Sheets.

At the start of the day the team leader must hand to the referee a team sheet, which must give each player's name, number and date of birth.

Substitutes. 5 Players from 5 substitutes named on the team sheet may be played at any time during the game. At all age groups players substituted are available to retake the field of play at a later time in the match.

10. Colours

Every team is obliged to bring a second choice of strip of contrasting colour. If, according to the referee, before the start of the match, the colours are too similar then the team first mentioned in the programme must change.

11. Discipline.

When a player is sent from the field or is given a caution, the tournament committee will be notified immediately after the match by the referee. Players who are shown a straight red card for violent conduct, serious foul play or foul and abusive language will be suspended for the remainder of the

tournament. Players who are shown a red card as a result of denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity will miss the following match. Cautions received in the sections will be wiped at the knockout stages provided a suspension has not been incurred. Serious offences reported may mean exclusion from ALL games of the club within the competition.

Note: All misconduct reports arising from the tournament will be forwarded to the National Association of the host association who will forward these reports to the National Association concerned.

A team's results will be rendered invalid in the following cases:

- If a team is late for a game without a valid reason.
- If a team uses an ineligible player,
- If the referee has to abandon a game due to misconduct of players, officials or spectators of that team.

12. Protests.

The referee decision in all matters concerning key points of play shall be final and binding, therefore protests in this area are not accepted. All other protests should be made only by the responsible leader to the tournament's committee no later than 15 minutes after the match accompanied by a £20 returnable fee should the protest be upheld. The tournament committee's decision on all protests is final and binding.

13. The rules of the Tournament and decisions of the organising and appeals committee shall be final and binding on all teams in the tournament.

14. Schedule.

The tournament committee has the right to alter the competition schedule should unforeseen circumstances occur.

15. Responsibility.

It is the responsibility of each team to make sure that adequate insurance cover is provided for their players.

The tournament organisers and tour organisers are not responsible for damage to, and loss or theft of possessions or equipment of participants or clubs.

They are also not responsible for harm or injury to any participants.