



# The Kelpies Cup 2019

## TOURNAMENT RULES – SMALL SIDED GAMES

### 1. Rules.

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.

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 F I F A shall apply subject to the following:

### **Soccer Sevens – Girls U11s and U13s, 2008, 2009 and 2010 – Smaller sized goals and pitches at 2011, 2012 and girls U9s.**

1. Modified goals and pitch dimensions shall be applied in accordance with local circumstances. Recommended pitch dimensions are 55 m x 36 m.
2. The Scottish Football Association junior goalposts should be used wherever possible (4.9 m x 1.8 m)
3. Teams will comprise up to 10 players, 2008 team will comprise of up to 14 players with rolling substitutions used throughout the match. All team members should receive equal playing time. In the event of an obvious mismatch, the weaker team, as jointly agreed by the respective team leaders may field an extra player.
4. Age groups 2010, 2009, 2008 and girls u11s and u13s should play with a size 4 football and play on astro pitches in this festival.
5. Age groups 2011, 2012 and girls u9s will play with a size 3 football on astro pitches in this festival
6. There is no offside rule.
7. Age groups 2009, 2008 and girls U11s should use kick-ins. Age groups 2008 and girls U13s should take throw-ins.
8. For age groups 2009, 2010 and girls U11s the pass back law does not apply. For age group 2008 and girls U13s the pass back law does apply.
9. Penalty kicks shall be taken 7 metres from the goal line.
10. Play shall be re-centred after a goal has been scored with the opposing team at least 10 metres from the ball
11. Goalkeepers may throw the ball out or at 2008 and girls u13 age group can kick if preferred. However, in an effort to prevent long passes prevailing, they should be encouraged to restrict these to a minimum.
12. Goalkeepers attempting to gather the ball by hand may not be challenged.

13. Consideration should be given to the use of retreating lines, thereby allowing goalkeepers to build play from the back.
14. Team coaches will substitute players displaying unacceptable behaviour.

## **2. Referees.**

All matches will be controlled by a match supervisor appointed by the organising committee or a referee registered with the SYFA and SWF.

In the case of Girls U11s and U13s, 2008, 2009 and 2010s this will be supplied by the organiser who will decide who will be the match official.

Clubs are reminded that appointed match officials may not have refereed at this age level and with these rules so please help the referee with rules particular to your age level. It is confusing where referees are officiating at different age levels one after another confirm the rules with the referee before the match starts.

3. 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 of this adult must be printed clearly on his team's registration sheet.

This adult will be deemed to be the team leader and he/she will be responsible for the behaviour of their 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.

## **Age control.**

Prior tournament committee, a registration sheet, which shall contain the full name, date of birth and team number of a maximum of 12 players. All players must provide proof of their age and identity. They may be asked to show this proof at any time.

## **Duration of Play**

At age groups 2011 and 2012 the maximum duration of the game shall be 1 period of 10 minutes.

At age groups 2009, 2010, and Girls U11s the maximum duration of the game shall be 1 period of 18 minutes.

At age groups 2008 and Girls U13s the maximum duration of the game shall be 1 period of 25 minutes.

The tournament committee has the right to alter the duration of play, should a situation arise which makes this necessary.

## 6. Festival Format.

The festival format will be organised on a round robin basis with each team playing against other teams. Results will not be recorded and points will not be awarded. Apart from Girls u13 age group where results will be recorded.

The conditions placed on the issue of a permit are as follows:

- all Scottish clubs must be in membership of the SYFA or SWF at the time of their participation in the tournament.
- where the club is participating in football at age groups 2011 to 2007 and girls the tournament is conducted as trophy free football, u13s will be for a trophy.
- where the club is participating in football at age groups 2011 to 2007 and girls there is no recording of results for the purpose of league placing or tournament progression. U13s girls will record results.

Failure to abide by any of the above conditions **will** render the permission null and void and the club may be referred to the appropriate committee of the Association. This may also result in the withdrawal of approval for the tournament from the list of competitions authorized by the SYFA.

## 8. Awards:

Every player will be presented with a suitable memento. U13 girls will have a competition winner.

## 9. Team Sheets.

Team sheets at this level are not required but all players are registered with the tournament organisers before the first match. (Registration form attached to club pack)

**Substitutes.** At all age groups players substituted are available to retake the field of play at a later time in the match. **All listed players for the match should participate in the match.**

10. 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 or club official is sent from the field or is given a caution, the tournament committee will be notified immediately after the match by the referee. Any player or official who has been sent off or has received two cautions in the tournament is not eligible to play in the team's next game.

**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 matches 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 and /or supporters of that team.

## **12. Rules**

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

## **13. Protests.**

The referee/ match supervisor decision in all matters concerning key points of play shall be final and binding, therefore protests in this area are not accepted. All matches are non- competitive and results are not kept other than to record match official fees.

## **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.