

## **PETERSFIELD TOWN JUNIORS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT RULES 2018**

- 1 All players must be under their respective age limits on 1<sup>st</sup> August preceding the tournament. If challenged, Managers must be able to provide evidence of the age of their players. Any team found to be in breach of this rule, could be disqualified from the tournament.
- 2 Managers must hand their team sheets to the person in the control tent at least 30 minutes before kick off of their first match. This will be indicated on the paperwork sent to you and in the programme.
- 3 Any team trophies shall remain the property of Petersfield Town Juniors FC and will not be removed from the tournament venue. Each winning and runner up team will receive a pennant which will be theirs to keep.
- 4 Players of all winning and runner-up teams will receive individual trophies. All Under 7 and under 8 players will receive a medal.

The tournament will be run on a Cup & Plate league basis. Each team shall play each other team in its group once. This is with the exception of the Under 7 and Under 8 age groups which will be played in a festival format. Groups will have been drawn at random, except where multiple teams from the same club have entered. Where possible, the groups will be adjusted so that teams from the same club are not represented in the same group.

On completion of the group stages, the draw for the knock-out stages will be seeded according to league position. Some teams will receive a "bye" into further knock-out stages where required due to the number of teams present. The draw for any "bye" will have been undertaken by the tournament organisers in advance of the tournament, and will be clearly shown in the match programme.

- 5 Only the six players (five for the under 7 & 8) are allowed within the roped area during the duration of play plus one manager. If a player is injured managers and their assistants must remain off the field of play until allowed on by the referee. The official tournament photographer is allowed inside the roped area but not alongside the goal line.
- 6 Points in league matches shall be awarded 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.
- 7 If a match has to be awarded due to it not being played then a score of 1-0 will be used.
- 8 The Rules and Laws of the Football Association shall apply with the following exceptions:-
  - a) Nine players may be nominated for all age groups.
  - b) Five players in Under 7 and 8, and six in all other age groups shall be chosen to form a team for each match, one of which must be the goal keeper.
  - c) No player shall be nominated for more than one team in the same tournament on the same day.
  - d) There will be no offside rule.
  - e) The back pass rule will not apply to the Under 7 and 8 age groups.
  - f) Goal kicks shall be taken from the goal line in all age groups except Under 7, 8, 9, 10's and Under 10, 11 and 12 girls: they will use the penalty area.
  - g) Goalkeepers may not kick the ball from their hands (except for in the Under 7 and Under 8), but may roll the ball and kick from the ground.
  - h) The first named team on the match card will kick off the first half.
  - i) The second named team on the match card will choose which end to play the first half.
  - j) All opposing plays must be at least 7 yards from the ball at free or place kicks.
  - k) Under 7's and 8's will play with a size 3 football. Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14's with a size 4 football and Under 15 and 16 with as size 5 football.
  - l) The "home team" named on the referee's score card must supply the match ball for that game.
10. Four rolling substitutes may be used for the U7 and U8 age groups. Three substitutes may be used for all other age groups, which will be allowed at half time, or through injury at the discretion of the referee.
11. Any player sent off the field of play will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

12. Any player cautioned twice on the day will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament following completion of the match in progress at the time of the second caution.
13. The duration of play shall be two equal periods of 4 minutes for all games in the U7 festival section and two equal periods of 5 minutes for all games in the U8 festival section. The duration of play shall be two equal periods of 5 minutes for all games in both the league and knock-out sections. Players are requested to be at the pitch 5 minutes before kick off.
14. In the event of teams finishing equal on points in the league stages, the following will decide the position:-
  - a) The team scoring the greater number of goals. *If still level:*
  - b) The team with the greater goal difference. *If still level:*
  - c) The league results between the two teams. *If still level:*
  - d) A draw conducted by the Tournament officials.
16. In the event of a draw at full time in the knock-out stages the following will take place until a winner is found:-
  - a) There will be no extra time played, except in the Final of each cup and plate event, where two equal periods of two minutes extra time shall be played. *If still level:*
  - b) Best of 5 penalties per team. *If still level:*
  - c) Sudden death penalties.  
The goalkeeper and five outfield players at the end of extra time shall remain unchanged for the penalty kicks. No player shall take more than one penalty kick until each member of the team has taken one kick. If sudden death kicks are required the same principal applies but the sequence may change.
17. In the event of two teams having similar colours and being drawn together, the team shown second on the draw sheet shall change their shirts to prevent a clash.
18. The referee's decision on all points of play shall be final.
19. All disputes and protests to a particular game must be received in writing (on the appropriate form) at the Control Tent within 10 minutes at the end of that game. The Tournament Committee will make a decision as soon as all the relevant facts have been gathered and will be based on the best interest of all parties. No appeal shall be made against that decision.
20. In the event that conditions are deemed dangerous to players, the Tournament Committee and the Senior Referee will consider and have the final say in delaying or, in the worst possible circumstances, abandoning the tournament for the day. If a decision to abandon the tournament is taken, the Club regrets that refunds will not be made.

## **THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**

**Please note that BBQ's are not permitted at the grounds.  
Petersfield Town Juniors DO NOT accept responsibility for any  
personal property lost or stolen or liability for injury to any person  
however caused.**

**All vehicles are parked at the OWNERS RISK.**