

Witney Vikings Youth FC

Affiliated to the Oxfordshire Football Association

A FA Charter Standard Club, established since 1975.



Rules for Football Tournament

1. Competition

- a. All teams must be affiliated to a County FA.
- b. Team managers will be able to register all players in squad by handing the appropriate paperwork to Control Centre on arrival:
 - Under 7s and Under 8s: One team of 7 players plus 3 substitutes (7-a-side format)
 - Under 9s and Under 10s: One team of 6 players plus 2 substitutes (6-a-side format)
 - Under 12s – Under 14s: One team of 5 players plus 2 substitutes (5-a-side format)
- c. Players will be the required age group level as of 31.08.13. Proof of age e.g. Birth Certificate, League Registration Card will be required in the event of any protest.
- d. Any team fielding overage players will be disqualified. No player may play for more than one team or age group per day.
- e. Under 6s are not allowed to play in matches.⁽¹⁾
- f. Under 7s and Under 8s will only participate in friendly matches and no points will be awarded. There will be no overall winner or runner-up in these categories.
- g. Under 9s – Under 14s will begin on a League basis, with Semi-finals (time permitting) and Finals to decide overall winners and runners-up. For League matches, 3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.
- h. Protests must be made to the Control Centre within 5 minutes of the end of the match, accompanied with a £20 cash protest fee, which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. The Organising Committee will deal with all protests and their decision shall be final. The Organising Committee will contain a minimum of 2 committee members not involved in the dispute.
- i. The Organising Committee reserve the right to vary the tournament in any way they deem necessary should the need arise on the day. Full consultation will be taken with the managers of those teams involved in any amendments.
- j. Witney Vikings Youth FC reserves the right to refuse entry to any club or team.

2. Match Play

- a. If a team is not ready to play at the appropriate time then that game is forfeited.
- b. The first named team will choose ends and supply the match ball: Size 3 for Under 7s, Under 8s and Under 9s. Size 4 for all older teams. The second named team will take kick-off.
- c. In the event of a colour clash the first named team will wear bibs or change strip.
- d. Duration of games shall be detailed in the tournament fixtures for each age group. Note: no-one will be expected or allowed to play more than 100 minutes per day.
- e. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Any numbers of substitutions are allowed at any time during the game with the authorisation of the referee. A player who has been replaced may return as a substitute for another player. Players that finish the game on the pitch are the only players eligible to take penalties.
- f. **FREE KICKS:** All free kicks are direct, and the opposition must be at least 5 yards away.

g. OFFSIDE: There will be no offside.

h. GOAL KICKS:

Under 7s – Under 10s: Goal kicks can be taken from anywhere within the goal area. In open play goalkeepers can kick the ball directly from their hands.

Under 12s – Under 14s: Goal kicks taken from the back line and goalkeepers cannot kick directly from their hands. They can roll the ball along the ground and then kick it. Any infringement of this rule will result in an indirect free kick being given at the point of the offence.

i. BACK PASS:

Under 7s and Under 8s: Goalkeepers may pick up a pass back – i.e. NO pass back rule.

Under 9s – Under 14s: Goalkeepers cannot pick up a back pass, in doing so a direct free kick on the edge of the area will be awarded, directly in line where ball was picked up.

j. IN THE EVENT OF EQUAL POINTS:

Under 9s – Under 14s: At the end of the League stages, if there are teams with equal points the Group Winner will be decided by the following (in order):

i. Goal difference

ii. Goals scored

iii. The result between the two teams involved

iv. If that match was a draw then a penalty shoot-out. Three penalties for both sides, then further penalties to be taken on a sudden death basis if required. No rebounds are allowed.

3. Respect

- a. The Referee shall be the sole judge regarding the laws of the game and his or her decision will be final.
- b. Any player sent off the field of play by the Referee must report immediately to Control Centre after the game, together with his Manager. Unless successfully appealed, players that have either been sent off or received 2 bookings will take no further part in the tournament and will not get an award.
- c. Abuse of officials by the managers, their assistants, players or supporters will result in immediate disqualification of the team(s).

4. Awards

- a. Under 7s and Under 8s: Medals of attendance will be awarded to participating players.

Note: Under 7s and Under 8s are not permitted to play in Leagues where results are collected or published or winner trophies are presented, this is deemed to be detrimental to the development of the player.⁽¹⁾

- b. Under 7s and Under 8s: A Fair Play Trophy will be awarded for both categories, at the discretion of the Organising Committee, based on conduct and sportsmanship.
- c. Under 9s – Under 14s: Players in the winning and runner-up teams receive awards.

5. First Aid

- a. All teams are responsible for providing and administering their own First Aid.

6. Disclaimer

- a. Witney Vikings Youth FC committee either collectively or any member thereof accept no liability or responsibility for injury to persons visiting or the loss or damage to their belongings at this event. Cars parked are also left at the owner's own risk.

⁽¹⁾ As stipulated by FA.