



PJFC Annual Tournament Rules

- 1) Each club must be affiliated to their local county FA .Each team may nominate a maximum of 10 players aged under their chosen age group on the 31st August at Midnight of the current season. From whom a team of 7 shall be chosen, No player may be nominated or play for more than one team
- 2) A list of players must be given to the tournament secretary before the start of your age groups first game.
- 3) Each team is allowed to use a maximum of 3 substitutions per game which can happen at any time, at the referee's discretion.
- 4) In the event of a colour clash the second team named to change
- 5) If a team fails to turn up at the appointed time and place for a match, the referee will report them to the tournament secretary, who will, unless adequate reason for absence can be given, award the fixture to opposing team by a score of 2-0.
- 6) The duration of each game will be a straight 8 minutes (unless indicated) .The duration of the semi-finals will be 10 minutes and the duration of the finals will be two equal halves of 7 minutes with a 1 minute interval. (NOT APPLICABLE TO UNDER 7s & 8s)
- 7) The competition shall be played on a league basis. Final group positions shall be decided on points: 3 points shall be awarded for a win,1 point for a draw. If there is a tie on points, goal difference will decide and if still level, the side scoring the most goals will qualify. Where goal difference is equal in every respect then a penalty shootout will decide the matter. (Consisting of 5 penalties per team) the sudden death will be used if needed. (NOT APPLICABLE FOR U7s & U8s)
- 8) In the knockout games if the scores are level after full time then a **penalty Shootout** will decide the result-in accordance with rule 7. (NOT APPLICABLE FOR U7s & U8s)
- 9) The laws of the game of Association football shall apply with the exception of Laws 1 (the field of play), 3(number of players), 7(duration of game) 11 (off-side, there are no offsides)
- 10) The following additional rules also apply. All Goal kicks for age groups U9-U14 (only) must be thrown out of keepers hands (not kicked off floor) From U9's to U14's Keepers are not permitted to kick from out of their hands, the goalkeepers must THROW the ball out or drop the ball on the floor to kick, once the ball is on the floor this becomes live play. Players must retreat a minimum of 5 yards for all dead ball kicks.
- 11) The following additional rule applies – You cannot score direct from a centre kick off

Under 7 and 8 age Groups will be played under fair play rules-all players will receive a medal

The appointed referee shall be the sole arbiter on points of law. Any other matters in dispute shall be referred to the tournament secretary whose decision is final. The manager of the winning team must report the result to the tournament Secretary, Any Cautions, Sending offs or Serious Misconduct will be reported to relevant County F.A in line with standard procedure