



# Matlock Town Juniors FC 17th Festival of Football Six-a-side Tournament

## RULES & GUIDELINES 2019

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Please note the tournament is only open to FA Affiliated teams/clubs.

**Teams must NOT include ANY registered academy players.**

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1. Teams must register, with the names and dates of birth of their squad, thirty minutes prior to the start of the first match in their group.
2. Age qualifying date for all groups is 31st August  
i.e. All age groups as per season 2018 / 2019
3. F.A. Mini Soccer Rules will apply.
4. Only 6 players from each team are allowed on the pitch at once. Substitutions can be made on a roll-on, roll-off basis with the permission of the Referee.
5. The Referee shall be the sole arbiter in all matters relating to the field of play and their decision will be FINAL. The Referee is empowered to disqualify any team not ready to play on the stated pitch at the stated time.
6. Teams should bring two contrasting sets of shirts to allow for a colour clash, when the first named team shall change.
7. The tournament is an end of season tournament and is for non academy sides, academy teams and registered players are not eligible for the tournament.
8. Teams in each group shall play one match, of five minutes each way, against all other teams in the same group. Three points will be awarded for a win, two points for a score draw, and one point for a no score draw. If more than one team share the highest number of points after playing all their matches, a winner will be decided by the first of the following to produce a difference:
  - a) Goal Difference.
  - b) Highest number of goals scored.
  - c) The result of the game between the two teams concerned.
  - d) A penalty competition.

9. In the event that one or more of the teams scratch either on the day of the event, or beforehand the following action will be taken to determine the winners and runners up of the groups(s) affected:
  - a) Groups shall be amalgamated into new groups of four where possible, when normal rules apply or
  - b) Re-scheduled into groups of three teams or five teams. There will never be anymore than four groups within a single age group.
10. All matches shall be of five minutes each way, with the exception of finals, which shall be of 7 minutes each way.
11. Group winners and runners up will play a quarter, semi-final, and final on a knock out basis. If circumstances arise which bring rule nine into force, then the organiser shall decide how the qualification will be determined from the rescheduled group on the day. In the event of a draw, extra time of two minutes each way will be played in the quarter final, and three minutes each way in the semi-finals and finals. If teams are still level after extra time then a penalty competition will decide the winners. Only players who finished the match will take part in the penalty competition. A penalty competition will involve each team taking three penalties each by three different players. After, a 'sudden death' rule will apply with the different players taking the penalties until six have been taken. If there is still no winner after 6 penalties each then the 'sudden death' continues with the 6 players taking a 2nd penalty if necessary.
12. Goal kicks will be taken from any point within the goal area.
13. Any player who is sent off, or who receives two cautions will be banned from taking any further part in the competition.
14. Referees will penalise dangerous, un-sporting and foul language or any form of dissent.
15. Footwear shall be worn in accordance with the laws of the game.
16. It is compulsory for all players to wear shin guards.
17. The Referee shall act as timekeeper and record goals scored. Results will be passed to the control point after each game.
18. All questions concerning eligibility must be referred to the organiser.
19. All cases of misconduct shall be reported to the F.A.
20. The festival uploads the F.A. Respect Code for coaches, players and spectators'. All festival participants are to adhere to these codes at all times.
21. Protests/Complaints. As stated in Rule 5 the Referees decision is FINAL and will not be overturned. Teams who wish to lodge a formal protest relating to the field of play must bear this in mind and pay a fee of £15 to the committee who will consider the case. If the committee finds in favour of the team, the fee will be returned and remedial action taken. If not then the fee will be forfeited.