



## BRANSGORE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB



### Annual 5aside Tournament – Competition Rules

The Laws of Association Football will apply, with the following exceptions:

1. A maximum of 8 players shall form a squad, from which 5 players shall play in a match, of which 1 must be a goalkeeper. All players must be registered, with all necessary details as per the squad listing form prior to the start of the tournament. No player shall play for more than 1 team during the tournament.
2. Roll on Roll off substitutions will be permitted.
3. There shall be no offside rule.
4. All free kicks will be direct.
5. Opposing players should be a least 8' from the ball, for all free-kicks, corners & centres.
6. The goalkeeper shall not step out their goal area, a penalty will be awarded for a breach of this rule where in the referee's opinion the goalkeeper was considered to have interfered or intended to interfere with on field play.
7. All distribution by the goalkeeper will be by an underarm throw out, including goalkeeper restarts.
8. Any player sent off will take no further part in the tournament, 2 cautions will count as a sending off. All bookings will be reported to your clubs parent football association.
9. A size 3 football will be used for U7, U8. A size 4 for U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14. A size 5 for U15.
10. The Pitch sizes will be approx 40 yards x 20 yards, with halfway line, centre spot, goal area and penalty spot 8 yards from goal
11. In the event of a colour clash the 2<sup>nd</sup> named team shall be required to change strip, this will be at the referee's discretion.
12. All matches for U9's and upwards will be played 5 minutes each half basis throughout, with teams swapping ends at half time. Teams should switch ends immediately and be ready to restart. U7's & U8's will be played 10 minutes straight through.
13. Any team failing to take to the field 2 minutes after being called will forfeit the match by a score of 0-2.
14. Shinpads are compulsory and must be covered by socks, footwear should conform to FA guidelines.
15. The initial league stages will be decided on a points basis (3 points for a win & 1 point for a draw), if there is a tie then goal difference will decide the outcome, and if still tied then the greater number of goals scored will be used. If teams are still tied after this then a penalty shootout will decide outcome as per Rule15.
16. Top 2 teams from each group will progress to the semi finals, with the league winner playing the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team in the other league. Winners of each semi final will progress to the final. Where there is a draw after normal time in the knockout stages the match will have a single extra period of 5 minutes. A toss of the coin will decide kick off or end choice for the extra period. Where there is a draw after extra time, the match will be decided by penalties, with each team nominating 3 players, if still tied after 3 penalties it then move to sudden death (starting with all the remaining players that finished the match taking penalties, followed by any subs and then the 3 originally named players).
17. The Under 7's and 8's will be played on a non competitive round robin basis, there will therefore be no points awarded or results recorded.
18. The referees will be the sole arbitrator on any points of dispute during a match.
19. Any matters arising that are not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the organiser's tournament committee with reference to the FA laws and guidelines, and their decision will be final.
20. Any protests or disputes need to be made in writing within 5 minutes of the end of a match and shall be accompanied by a fee of £20 which shall be forfeited should the protest not be sustained. All matters in a dispute shall be referred to an appeals committee whose decision will be final.
21. Team mangers will be held responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and spectators, any team found guilty of misconduct may be disqualified from the tournament.
22. The organisers will not be held responsible for any injuries or damage sustained to persons or property as a result of taking part in this competition or the use of the facilities.