



Whyke United Football Festival

2024



Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July

Venue: Worthing Rugby Club, Roundstone Lane, Angmering, BN16 4AX

A copy of these rules will be given out to each participating team and shall be binding in full.

Competitions

- U7-U8 matches shall be 5-a-side. The U7-U8 age groups will be non-competitive with no finals played, 2x groups of 5 - Results will be recorded to build 2nd session. Each group plays on one pitch. 8-minute games kicking off at 10-minute intervals. After 1st group stage, teams are reallocated groups based on scores. Top two teams from both groups and best 3rd place team form one group. Remaining 3rd place team and 4th and 5th teams form second group. Teams play each other in their new group. 8 x matches per team. All teams will be presented a participation medal on close.
- U9 to U14 shall be 6-a-side. These will play on a league basis with teams moving into Quarter finals, semi-finals, then final in both Cup and Plate competitions. 4x groups of 5. Each group plays on one pitch. 12-minute games. Games kick off at 15-minute intervals. Teams play each other twice. Top 2 from each group progress to Cup Knockout Quarter Finals, 3rd and 4th place teams progress to Plate Knockout Quarter Final. 5th place team goes home.
- U15 to U16 shall be 6-a-side. These will play on a league basis with teams moving into semi-finals, then final in both Cup and Plate competitions. 2 x groups of 5. Each group plays on one pitch. 12-minute games. Games kick off at 15-minute intervals. Teams play each other twice. Top 2 from each group progress to Cup Knockout Semi-Finals Finals, 3rd and 4th place teams progress to Plate Knockout Semi-Finals. 5th place team goes home.
- All pitches will be approximately 40 metres x 30 metres: with a penalty area and a penalty spot 6 metres from the goal-line.
- Players are only entitled to play for one team during the tournament. In the main this goes for teams that have entered 2+ teams, no transfers will be allowed. **(Please bring this to our attention if you believe this to be happening)**

- All players must be able to play in their respective age groups on 1st September 2024. Except for the U7 category in which case the child must be aged 6 at the time of the tournament and in Year 1 at school.
- Team sheets must be completed in advance and brought with you, if not copies will be available to be filled out before commencement of matches; this must include all players' full names (first and last) and dates of birth.
- All teams are limited to **9** players per squad.
- If any team is not ready to start their game at the prescribed time, at the referee's discretion the match can be awarded to the non-offending team with a 3 - 0 win and 3 points given
- The team named second are to change shirt or wear bibs where shirt clashes occur, all players must wear appropriate footwear and shin-guards. The tournament will be played on grass. Goalkeepers may wear tracksuit bottoms.

Rules and Timings

- U6s to U10s will play by Mini Soccer Laws. U11's to U16's will play by the Small Sides Laws.
- The team named first in the fixture to provide the match ball. Match Ball: Size 3 for U6-U10, Size 4 for U11-U14, Size 5 for U15-U16
- **All group matches – 12 minutes straight through (u7S & u8S – 8 minutes)**
- Choice of ends will be on first come first served basis.
- There is **NO** offside at any age.
- A goal cannot be scored direct from the kick-off. Ball must be played **backwards**.
- Goalkeepers may not drop kick the ball (U7s / U8s only exception to this) They may drop the ball and kick it.
- A goalkeeper may not pick the ball up from the pass back or a throw in from their own side at **ANYTIME**.
- These two offences will be punished with an Indirect free kick on the penalty areas edge in line with where the offence was committed.

- Goal Kicks: U7s to U9s may take from the front of the penalty area, all other ages from the back goal-line. From goal kicks U7s to U10s must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play. U11s and above no retreat.
- Dead Ball Kicks, all players must retreat 4 metres from all dead-ball situations (centres, corners, and free kicks).
- Substitutions are unlimited “roll on-roll off” allowed during the duration of the match at the discretion of the referee. Referees must be notified if there is a substitution to be made.
- Result Reporting, the winning team will be responsible for getting the results back to the control tent. Match card to be collected from the referee.
- Points: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 for a loss.
- Final league positions will be decided in order by total points, goal difference, goals scored, result between two sides, by the tossing of a coin.

Knockout Comps

- Quarter Finals / Semi-Finals for U9s – U16s – 12 minutes (6 Minutes each way)
- Finals for U9s – U16s – 14 minutes (7 Minutes each way)
- If a knockout game is tied, this will result in a penalty shootout (3 Pens)

Penalty Shoot-outs (Semi-Finals & Finals)

- The “best of 3” applies, then sudden death.
- Only those players who are on the field of play at the end of the game are permitted to take a penalty.
- No penalty taker may take a second penalty before **everyone inc GK** has taken one.

Trophies and Medals:

- U7-U8 all players will receive a tournament medal.
- All other age groups there will be winner's trophies, medals, and runners up medals, for both Cup and Plate competitions.

Appeals:

- Will be adjudicated by the Whyke United Football Club management committee, whose decision will be final on all disputes.

Referees / Discipline

- All referees' decisions are **absolutely final**. Please RESPECT them and the decisions made as these are in good faith.
- Blue cards may be shown to a player who commits a significant offence (e.g., dissent, deliberate fouls, ignoring warnings, foul language). **That player must leave the pitch for the duration of 2 mins.**
- Yellow cards will be given for obstructing an obvious goal scoring opportunity & dangerous play. The player must leave the pitch for the remainder of that match. A yellow can also be issued for dissent, offensive, insulting, or abusive gestures, towards other players & officials.
- Red Cards will be given for attempting to kick or strike another player, violent conduct & serious foul play. **The player must leave the pitch and take no further part in the tournament.**

Respect!

We will not tolerate any poor behaviour. Players, Coaches, Parents it will all be punished!

We will have RESPECT ENFORCEMENT MARSHALLs around the pitches and any reports of poor behaviour / abuse will be taken extremely seriously.