

GAME OF TOURNAMENTS PLAYING RULES

REGISTRATION OF YOUR TEAM

Your Team must be FA Affiliated to your local County FA.

When registering a team online you must use your Registered Team Name with the County FA

Any Teams Looking to play a year up must have written permission from the Tournament Organiser & it also must be agreed & checked first with your local county FA.

RECOMMENDED SQUAD SIZES

Under 7 – 8

Under 8 – 8

Under 9 – 10

Under 10 – 10

Under 11 – 13

Under 12 – 13

Under 13 – 16

Under 14 – 16

Under 15 – 16

Under 16 – 16

Please note that these are recommendations only. GOT Does not want to stop children from playing football due to teams carrying high volume of players.

GROUP STAGE QUALIFICATION

Unless communicated otherwise

Teams Finishing 1st & 2nd place qualify for the Knockout rounds of the Cup

Teams Finishing 3rd & 4th place qualify for the knockout rounds of the Plate

5th & 6th Place teams Exit the Competition

Should any team pull-out of the competition all previous games will be null and void.

The following points are awarded during the group stages.

3 points for a win

1 point for a draw

0 points for a loss

The following order will decide which team goes forward to the next round:

1. Most points gained
2. Goal difference
3. Most goals scored for
4. Least goals conceded
5. Head to Head Result
6. 6. If still level, a penalty competition will decide the final position.

KNOCKOUT STAGES

If the score line is a draw at the full time whistle a penalty shootout shall decide which teams progress to the next stage

PENALTY SHOOTOUT

5v5 – 3 Penalties Each

7v7 – 3 Penalties Each

9v9 – 3 Penalties Each

11v11 – 5 Penalties Each

Please Note

Only players on the pitch at the full-time whistle can take penalty kicks.

Players not partaking in the penalty shootout should be either off the pitch or wearing a different colour training bib / jacket whilst penalties are taken.

The referee will be the sole judgement if the ball has crossed the line or if the goalkeeper has come off their line during the penalty shootout.

RETREAT RULE

At goal kicks the opposition **MUST** retreat to the halfway line U7s – U10s.
Quick goal kicks can be taken before retreat at goalkeeper's discretion.

OFFSIDES

There will be no offsides for U7s – U10s.

U11s – U16s offside rule applies as per FA Rules.

The Referee and only the referee is responsible for the judgement of Offsides.

FREEKICKS

All free kicks: the opposing team must be 5 yards away from the ball U7s – U10s.
U11s – U16s the opposing team must be 10 yards away from the ball

TOUCHLINE RESTART (PASS IN / DRIBBLE IN)

Under 7 – Yes

Under 8 – Yes

Under 9 – Yes

Under 10 – NO

Under 11 – NO

Under 12 – NO

Under 13 – NO

Under 14 – NO

Under 15 – NO

Under 16 – NO

When the whole of the ball passes over the whole of the touchline, on the ground or in the air, instead of a throw-in, a pass-in / dribble-in is awarded

The kicker that takes the pass-in / dribble-in may touch the ball again before it is touched by another player

At the moment of delivering the ball:

The ball must be stationary on the touchline at the point where it left the pitch; only the kicker may be off the pitch

All opponents must stand at least 5 yards from the point on the touchline where the pass-in or /dribble-in is to be taken from

A goal cannot be scored directly from a pass-in

The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves

HEADING THE BALL

Under 7 - No

Under 8 - No

Under 9 - No

Under 10 Yes

Under 11 - Yes

Under 12 - Yes

Under 13- Yes

Under 14 - Yes

Under 15 - Yes

Under 16 - Yes

Deliberately heading the ball is an offence punishable by an indirect free kick for U7 , U8 & U9 Teams.

The indirect free kick is taken at the point where the ball was deliberately headed, except:

* Where a player deliberately heads the ball within their own penalty area, the referee will stop the game and restart with an indirect free kick to the opposition from the nearest side line of the penalty area where the offence took place

BACK PASS RULE

Back Pass Rule doesn't apply for Under 7 Football

Back pass rule applies to all other age groups (ball cannot be handled by the Goalkeeper following a back pass from their own player)

In the event of a back pass it is an indirect freekick from the edge of the penalty area

SUBSTITUTIONS RULE

3 Substitution slots per game allowed.

Referee must be notified and ball out of play at time of sub.

For avoidance of doubt multiple players can be used in 1 substitution slot

KICK OFFS

The Ball can go forward or back from kick off.

A Goal cannot be scored directly from kick off.

MATCHBALL SIZES

Under 7 – Size 3
Under 8 – Size 3
Under 9 – Size 3
Under 10 – Size 3
Under 11 – Size 4
Under 12 – Size 4
Under 13 – Size 4
Under 14 – Size 4
Under 15 – Size 5
Under 16 – Size 5

MISCONDUCT

Tournament Sin Bin offence is for 5 Minutes.

Each Sending off offence will be judged on Merit after liaising with the match official & Referee coordinator.

Players sent off for Two bookable offences will receive a tournament match ban.

Players sent off for denying & clear obvious Goalscoring opportunity will receive a match ban.

Any player sent off for Violent Conduct will miss the rest of the tournament.

All misconduct/discipline will be reported to the relevant County FA as per FA Rules.

Foul and abusive language and/or violence will not be tolerated.

Foul and abusive language and/or violence from spectators and other club officials towards players and/or officials will result in your team being disqualified.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE REFEREE – THEIR DECISION IS FINAL AND SHOULD NOT BE CONTESTED.