South Coast Football Festival 5/6/7 A-SIDE

COMPETITON RULES *(as set out by the SCFA)*

SAT 20th & Sun 21st June 2026

1) The competition shall be known as the “South Coast Football Festival”
2) The competition will consist of open age, 30+, Walking & recreational women’s teams and Youth Boys/mixed U7 to U14.
3) Managers must register their teams attendance on arrival to the Control Tent by 9.30am on the day of the tournament by way of the dedicated Whatsapp message group.
4) **U7** will play in a **5-a-side** format and may register a max of **10** players per team.
5) **U8 to U10** and **Womens Recreational** and **Flexi** will play in a **7-a-side** format and may register a max of **10** players per team.
6) **All other teams** will play a **6-a-side** format and may register a max of **10** players per team.
7) In accordance with FA law, **All players** must wear shin pads and remove all jewellery.
8) With the exception of U7s and Women’s Recreational,The competition will be decided on a league basis with the top 2 teams from each group going through to play in the tournament cup finals. U8 to U14s third and fouth in each group will progress in the plate finals. Points scoring for competitive leagues will be **3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss**.
9) Results must be sent by using the dedicated Whatsapp group.
10) All games will have no half time, game duration will be stated on the fixtures list.
11) The offside rule will **not** apply. The back pass rule **will** apply.
12) Goalkeepers must **not** Dropkick the ball into open play; they can throw the ball or place the ball on the floor to kick it. Goal Kicks must be taken from the goal line. U7 & U8 may take a goal kick from the edge of their box.
13) An indirect free kick will be given for a back pass. All other free kicks are direct. The defending players must be at least 5 yards away from the ball or on the goal line. All other FA laws apply.
14) U7, U8, U9, U10 and women’s recreational will retreat half way when a goal kick is taken.
15) Any player, who receives a blue card (sin bin) caution, will leave the pitch for 2mins. The offending player may not be subbed or replaced during this time.
16) A red card will be issued for the following: Receiving a second blue card in the same game (1 match suspension). Denying a goal scoring opportunity (1 match suspension). Use of offensive, abusive or insulting gestures (2 match suspension). Attempting to kick or strike another player, violent conduct or serious foul play (3 match suspension).
17) All teams must ensure that they are ready to play their game **at least 3 minutes** before their scheduled kick off time. Late arrival may result in their game and points being forfeited and a 0-0 win being awarded to their opponents.
18) The ‘Home’ team for each match is deemed to be that which appears first in the tournament fixtures will take the kick off and must provide a suitable match ball.
19) The ‘Away’ team will choose which end to play and must provide a change of shirt or bibs in the event of a clash of colours.
20) If teams are level on points after their league is completed then goal difference will determine the final placing. If the goal difference is equal then goals scored will decide, if equal then the game result between the two teams shall be the deciding factor. If this game result was a draw then a penalty shoot out will be held. Each team will take 5 penalties each and if this ends in a draw then a “sudden death” penalty shoot out will be played.
21) Quarters/Semi and the final will have 6 mins extra time if needed and penalties to determine a winner.
22) The Referee will be the sole arbiter of all decisions, time keeping and all points of dispute.
23) The Tournament Committee will not intervene on any dispute on any Referee’s decision.
24) The Tournament Committee will decide upon any other disputes or points of issue.

South Coast Football Festival and Worthing Rugby Club do not accept responsibility and are not liable for any loss or damage to property during any part of the tournament. Children must be supervised at all times.

South Coast Football Festival have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy on violence and drugs