

# Epsom & Ewell Colts F.C.



## Summer 6-a-side Tournament 2008

### Competition Rules

#### 1. Administration

- 1.1. The organising committee shall be the sole judges in any dispute or complaint
- 1.2. Entry to the competition shall be at the discretion of the tournament organisers
- 1.3. All teams must hand in their completed registration forms 30 minutes before the first scheduled game in their age group
- 1.4. Any team arriving later than 5 minutes after the scheduled start of a game will forfeit the game to their opponent with a 2-0 result recorded against them
- 1.5. Unacceptable behaviour by club officials, supporters or players may render their respective team liable to disqualification

#### 2. Player Eligibility

- 2.1. Each squad shall consist of a maximum of 10 players (all to be included in the team registration at the start of the competition)
- 2.2. A maximum of 6 players may be on the field of play at any time
- 2.3. Substitutes may be used on a 'roll on / roll off' basis when the ball is out of play and with the permission of the referee
- 2.4. All players must be 'bona fide' members of the club for which they are playing and proof of eligibility may be sought in the event of a dispute
- 2.5. Players may only be registered with 1 squad in this competition
- 2.6. Any player sent off, or cautioned twice, will take no further part in the competition
- 2.7. The age qualification will be as per the 2007/2008 season with the age qualification date being 31<sup>st</sup> August for all age groups

#### 3. Format of Competition

- 3.1. Each age group will be split into leagues of a maximum of 5 teams
- 3.2. In the league part of the competition, each team will play the other teams in their league once with 3 points being awarded for a win, 2 points being awarded for a score-draw and 1 point being awarded for a no-score-draw
- 3.3. The winner (and subsequent team positions) will be decided by using the following criteria:
  1. Most points
  2. Best Goal Difference
  3. Most goals scored
  4. Result between the teams
  5. Penalty shoot out – 5 penalties per team followed by sudden death if still even
- 3.4. The winners of each league will advance to the semi-final stage of the competition. They will be joined by the best runner-up from the leagues (determined by the criteria in 3.3) or where only 2 leagues exist, the runners-up from the 2 leagues.
- 3.5. Trophies will be awarded to all finalists with the exception of U7s & U8s where all players will receive a medal

#### 4. Match Duration / Equipment

- 4.1. Each group match will be played for 5 minutes each way
- 4.2. Semi-finals and finals will be played for 7 minutes each way. In the event of a draw at the end of normal time, 2 minutes 'golden goal' extra time will be played each way. In the event of a draw at the end of extra time, 5 penalties will be taken by each team followed by sudden death penalties
- 4.3. The first named team will provide a suitable match ball (size 3 for U7 & U8, size 4 for U9 – U14)
- 4.4. The first named team shall have the initial kick off and the second named team will have the choice of ends
- 4.5. In the event of a colour clash, the second named team will provide a change of strip or bibs
- 4.6. Each team shall, if requested by the referee, supply a linesperson
- 4.7. The result card will be delivered to the registration area by the winning team manager or, in the event of a draw, the manager of the first named team

#### 5. Playing Rules

- 5.1. Unless otherwise stated, normal FA rules shall apply
- 5.2. No 'off side' rule will be applied
- 5.3. The penalty area shall be denoted by a 'D'
- 5.4. All players will be allowed in the 'D'
- 5.5. Goal kicks shall be taken from the goal line (U7s & U8s may take goal kicks from anywhere in the 'D')
- 5.6. The back pass rule will apply in all age groups
- 5.7. At free kicks, centres and corners, the opposing team will retreat from the ball 5 yards. In the event that the free kick is closer than 5 yards to the goal line, the opposing team will retreat to the goal line
- 5.8. Goalkeepers will not be permitted to 'drop kick' the ball except in the U7 & U8 age groups
- 5.9. The ball may be played over head height
- 5.10. All free kicks will be direct
- 5.11. The decision of the referee will be final.