



CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB FIESTA 2017 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. NAME OF THE COMPETITION:

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2. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION:

- a. The competition shall be organised by the Management Committee of Crowborough Athletic Youth Football Club who may delegate some or all of their powers to a Fiesta Sub Committee.
- b. The Fiesta will be organised in accordance with the rules of The Football Association and The Sussex County Football Association.
- c. The competition shall be sanctioned by the Sussex County Football Association. The competition, all Clubs and Players and other persons shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Sussex County Football Association.
- d. Visiting Clubs and players are advised to consider their own private insurance to cover claims arising from their own injury or that of another player.
- e. The competition will be held at Alderbrook, Fermor Road, Crowborough, TN6 3BT during the weekend of the 6th and 7th May 2017

3. CLUBS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER AND ENTRY FEE

The competition shall be open to Clubs by invitation. The entry fee shall be £35 per team and must accompany the entry form.

4. AFFILIATION OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS

All Clubs must be affiliated to the Sussex County Football Association or another County Football Association.

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND POWERS

- a) A Fiesta Sub Committee comprising of a Chairman, Secretary and 5 other Committee Members shall be appointed by the Management Committee to organise the Fiesta.
- b) The Management Committee/Fiesta Sub Committee shall have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition, and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the competition, including any not provided for by the rules.
- c) The Management Committee/Fiesta Sub Committee shall adjudicate in all cases of dispute, protest and complaint. Other members may be co-opted if required.



6. COPIES OF RULES

A copy of these rules shall be given to all participating Clubs and are binding on the Clubs taking part.

7. PLAYERS QUALIFICATION

- a) Each team squad shall comprise a maximum of 8 players for all age groups. A list of players eligible to participate including their dates of birth shall be produced to the Fiesta Sub Committee before the team's first scheduled match. All players shall be bona fide members of their Club, and may only play for one Club in the Fiesta.
- b) The Fiesta shall be divided into the following age groups and in all cases the eligibility shall be as for season 2016-2017.

Under 7	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11
Under 12	Under 13	Under 14	Under 12 Girls	Under 13/14 Girls

8. TEAM COLOURS

Each competing Team shall register its first (1st) and second (2nd) choice of the colours with the competition. In the event of similar colours the second named Team will change.

Players shall be dressed in uniform shirts, shorts and socks, but the goalkeepers shall wear colours to enable the Referee to distinguish them from other players. Goalkeepers may wear tracksuit bottoms.

9. MATCH BALLS

All teams are to attend with an appropriate sized match ball for their respective age group. The designated home team during group stage matches and the first named team in the knock out stages of the competition will utilise their match ball.

10. ARRANGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

Fun Day Friendlies – Under 7 and Under 8

Friendly, non competitive football will take place with no results recorded. All players will receive a medal at the end to mark their participation. Spectators, Team Managers and Players are expected to show the highest level of sportsmanship and to encourage and applaud players from both sides.

Age Groups - Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 14.

Following initial group stage matches a knock-out competition shall take place.

a. First Phase - Group Competition



The first phase of the competition shall be played on a league basis with the teams divided by the Fiesta Sub Committee in groups. Each team will play each team in its group once. Three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points, the team with the best goal difference shall take precedence. In the event of goal difference being equal then the team which has scored the highest number of goals shall take precedence.

If the number of goals scored is equal then the results between the respective teams will determine which teams go through. If this fails to separate the teams, a penalty competition involving 5 players from each team in accordance with Rule 11 will be used.

b. Second Phase - Knock Out Competition

A knock-out competition shall take place between the top finishers in each group. The committee shall make the draw for the knock-out competition.

Following semi final matches the winners of each match will progress to a final. The two losing semi finalists will play each other in a Plate final.

Under 12 and Under 13/14 Girls

All teams will play each other in a league competition with the team finishing top winning the trophy. All players will receive a medal at the end to mark their participation.

11. DURATION OF MATCHES

All matches will be 5 minutes each way.

In the event of a draw in the Knock Out stages then extra time of 2 ½ minutes each way shall be played. If after extra time the scores are still level, the match will be decided with kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game - Knock Out Competitions - Obtaining a Result.

12. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- a) Each match shall be played by 2 teams of 5 players for the U7 and U8 age groups and two teams of 6 players in all other age groups. One player on each team shall be the Goalkeeper.
- b) A match involving U11 to U14 age groups will not be considered valid if the playing strength of either team is reduced permanently by more than 2 players.
- c) Matches for the U9 and U10 will not be considered valid if either teams playing strength is reduced below 5 players.
- d) Matches for U7 & U8's where a team has insufficient players then players from the opposing team can be used.



Substitutes

- e) Two substitutes per team shall be permitted at any time during the game on a rolling basis, except to replace a player suspended (sin bin) or excluded from the game by the Referee. The Referee shall indicate when each substitute can enter the field of play.
- f) The exception is the U7 to U8's where three substitutions can be made. A player may be substituted when the ball is out of play and at the discretion of the Referee.

13. REPORTING RESULTS

For age groups U9 to U14 a representative of the winning team will be responsible for taking the Referees score card to the results control point. In the event of a drawn match the first named team will be responsible.

14. REFEREES

- a) Referees shall be appointed by the Management Committee / Fiesta Sub Committee
- b) Referees shall be paid a fee of £25 per session (morning or afternoon). No expenses will be paid.
- c) The referee shall have the same powers and duties as laid down in the Laws of the Game.

15. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS/FAILING TO FULFILL A FIXTURE/ABANDONED MATCHES

- a) If a team is found to have played an ineligible player the match and points (if applicable) will be awarded to its opponents and additionally up to three points may be deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee / Fiesta Sub Committee.
- b) All teams must be available and ready to play at the appointed pitch at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled Kick-Off time. Any team which is not ready to play at the Scheduled Kick-Off time may forfeit the match to their opponents.
- c) A match which is abandoned through the fault of one of the teams will be awarded to the offending teams opponents. The committee will decide whether the score at the time of the abandonment should stand.
- d) Any team found to have played an over age player in breach of the rules of the competition will be expelled and their record shall be expunged.

16. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Management Committee / Fiesta Sub Committee but no objection relative to the dimensions of the playing area or other appurtenances thereon shall be entertained



by the Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the game.

17. APPEALS

Any appeal against any decision of the Management Committee / Fiesta Sub Committee must be made in writing to the Sussex County Football Association in accordance with SCFA Rule 12 within (14) days of the posting of the decision of the Management Committee/ Fiesta Sub Committee and accompanied by an appeal fee of £35.00.

18. MISCONDUCT

For age hours U7 to U10 standard Mini Soccer disciplinary arrangements apply.

For age groups U11 to U14 Small Sided Rules including use of blue cards and sin bins will be applied. The use of yellow cards and associated cautions are not employed. Referees will instead issue a blue card for a cautionable offence. The issuing of a blue card indicates the recipient will serve an immediate and timed suspension ('sin bin').

The options for disciplining offenders are therefore as follows:

- Player shown a blue card is temporarily suspended from play.
- Player shown discretionary second blue card is temporarily excluded from play.
- Player issued with a red card and permanently excluded from play.

The period of time suspension shall be two minutes.

A player who receives two blue cards in one match or is sent off the field for a red card offence, or is reported by the Referee for misconduct before or after a match, shall be excluded from further matches employing the following disciplinary tariffs:

Offence	Penalty (to be administered by the CAYFC Fiesta Sub Committee)
Receiving a second 'blue card' in the same match	1 match suspension
Denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity	1 match suspension
Use of offensive, insulting or abusive gestures	2 match suspension
Attempting to kick or strike another player Violent Conduct Serious Foul Play	3 match suspension

Only in cases of misconduct (non standard Red Card) are Referees required to report to the appropriate Association

19. CLUB NAMES

No teams may enter this competition in the name of an affiliated Club without the full knowledge and authority of the Club.



20. TROPHIES

The following trophies will be awarded:

A winner's team trophy for age groups U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14 and U12/13 Girls
Individual awards to each member of the winners and runners up squads in the above age groups.

A Plate trophy for age groups U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 and U14.

Individual awards to each member of the winners and runners up squads in the above age groups.

All U7, U8 and U12 and U13/14 Girls players will receive a medal/memento to mark their participation.

21. PLAYING RULES

Under 11 to Under 14 Inc.

Playing Rules for U11 to U14 age group shall be in accordance with FA Small Sided Laws of the Game.

Number of Players:

A match shall not be considered valid if the playing strength of either team is permanently reduced by more than two players. However this should only apply when players are permanently excluded or lost through injury rather than within the 'sin bin' for a two minute suspension.

In the event of a team having its playing strength reduced permanently by more than two players the opposing team will be awarded the result with a score of 1-0. Rolling substitutes are allowed.

Playing Area:

The playing area shall be 180' long by 90' wide.

The Penalty Area shall be 30' from the goal line and shall be 54' wide

The penalty mark shall be 24' from the centre of each goal.

Match Ball:

The match ball shall be size 4.

Goals:

The goals shall be 12' wide by 6' high and must be pinned or weighted to prevent them from toppling forward.

Offside, Pass Backs and Goalkeeper returning the ball to play:

There shall be no offside. The goalkeeper is not permitted to pick up the ball from a pass back or throw from their own side. After holding the ball the Goalkeeper must return the ball into play by throwing the ball from anywhere in the *Penalty Area*.

Start of Play:



The Referee shall toss a coin to decide ends and who takes the kick off. The Referee will start play at the commencement of the match and after a goal is scored by a kick off from the centre of the pitch. Players shall stand not less than 15' from the centre mark. When a corner / free kick is awarded, players from the opposing team must stand not less than 15' from the ball prior to the kick being taken.

Goal Kicks:

For the U11 through U14 age groups Goal Kicks shall be taken from a point on the goal line outside of either goal post. Opponents shall remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play when kicked directly beyond the penalty area.

Players Equipment:

Footwear shall be worn in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Shin guards, which must be covered by the socks, must be worn in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

Under 9 and Under 10

Playing Rules for the Under 9, and Under 10 age groups, shall be in accordance with FA Mini Soccer guidelines and will be as those listed above with the following amendments:

Number of Players

Number of Players per Team is 6. Rolling substitutes are allowed.

Playing Area

The Playing Area shall be 180' long by 90' wide.

The Penalty Area shall be 30' from the goal line and shall be 54' wide

The Penalty Mark shall be 24' from the centre of each goal.

Match Ball:

The match ball shall be size 3 for Under 9 and size 4 for Under 10

Free Kicks / Corner Kicks / Goal Kicks:

The opposition must be at least 15' away from the ball for free kicks and corners.

All Free Kicks are direct. Goal Kicks can be taken from anywhere inside the Penalty Area with the opposing team withdrawing back to the half way line. Goalkeepers may dropkick the ball from their hands.

There shall be no offside. The goalkeeper is not permitted to pick up the ball from a pass back or throw from their own side.

It must be noted that **MAXIMUM DURATION OF PARTICIPATION PER DAY PER PLAYER IS 50 MINS.**

Under 7 and Under 8

Playing Rules for the Under 7 and Under 8 age groups shall be in accordance with FA Mini Soccer guidelines and will be as those listed above with the following amendments:

Number of Players

Number of Players per Team is 5.



Rolling substitutes are allowed.

Playing Area

The Playing Area shall be 120' long by 90' wide.

The Penalty Area shall be 30' from the goal line and shall be 54' wide

The Penalty Mark shall be 21' from the centre of each goal.

Match Ball

The Match Ball shall be size 3.

Free Kicks / Corner Kicks etc.

The opposition must be at least 15' away from the ball for free kicks and corners.

All Free Kicks are direct. Goal Kicks can be taken from anywhere inside the Penalty Area with the opposing team withdrawing back to the half way line. Goalkeepers may dropkick the ball from their hands.

There shall be no offside. The goalkeeper **IS** permitted to pick up the ball from a pass back or throw from their own side.

It must be noted that **MAXIMUM DURATION OF PARTICIPATION PER DAY PER PLAYER IS 40 MINS**