

(A) Tournament Format

- 1) Each tournament will consist of the same 10 teams split into two smaller groups of 5 teams which will be allocated into Group A and Group B.
- 2) The Group Stage will consist of each team playing four 12-minute fixtures against the other teams in their respective groups. Subject to timing schedules and weather this may be reduced to 10 minutes at the discretion of the tournament management.
- 3) Turnaround between Group fixtures will be 3-minutes and we would ask for all managers to be ready with their teams for the kick-off times to help the tournament run as smooth as possible.
- 4) Once the group stage is complete each team will have a further single 15-minute Final Play-Off fixture to determine their final standing.
- 5) The Final Play-Off fixture will see teams matched against their corresponding counterparts from the opposing group i.e. 1st vs 1st, 2nd vs 2nd etc.
- 6) So, to win the Michael McMahon Memorial Trophy 2023 you will need to both (a) **WIN your Group Stage** and (b) **WIN your Final Play-Off fixture**.

(B) General Tournament Rules

- 1) To be eligible to participate **ALL** Non-Buxton JFC players **MUST** have signed the Tournament Player Declaration Form prior to arriving.
- 2) Shin-Pads must be worn with suitable 4G Astro-footwear – (no metal studs or flat soles).
- 3) All games will start and finish with a single siren outside the control of the referees.
- 4) No Offside rule.
- 5) Pass-back rule applies.
- 6) Goal kicks will be taken from floor – if saved then can be distributed via a throw.
- 7) Group Stage scoring will be (a) **3-points for a WIN** (b) **1-point for a DRAW** (c) **0-points for a LOSS**.
- 8) If level on points at the end of the Group Stage the final standings will be determined taking into account the following team statistics in priority order of (a) Goals scored (b) Head-to-head result (c) Goal difference and in the event of a dead-heat there will be a sudden-death penalty shoot-out
- 9) In the event of a draw in a Final Play-off fixture then the result will be determined by a team penalty shoot-out with each player taking a penalty. If still level once each player has taken a penalty then sudden-death penalties will apply. The Goalkeeper that finishes the game in normal time must remain in goal for the shoot-out.
- 10) Any serious fouls or back chat can result in the referee asking you to leave the field at his discretion. Subject to the severity of the incident this could be for either a 6-minute period or for the remainder of the fixture.
- 11) The Referees decision is final, any complaints please take to the organisers of your tournament who will do as they see fit.

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(C) Additional specific age-relevant Rules

Mini Tournament

- 1) There will be an active "RETREAT" rule to the half-way line in operation during games.
- 2) The youngest age group are not permitted to play in goal unless they are a recognised goalkeeper in their age-group.

Senior Tournament

- 1) The youngest age group are not permitted to play in goal unless they are a recognised goalkeeper in their age-group.

(D) Conduct

- 1) Normal Junior football guidelines apply – Respect the referees and opponents at all times.
- 2) Shake hands after the game.
- 3) Managers and Coaches to encourage at all times – especially in the Mini tournament.
- 4) Please remember as Managers you are in charge of the players until the Tournament finishes and everyone's hard work and commitment is needed until the end.

Final thoughts

This is intended to be a fun-day out for all and again this year there are around 190 boys and girls involved in what is our favourite Inter-Club Tournament in memory of an absent friend. It's taken a lot of hard work organising it so let's remember what, why and who were doing this for, and for those that knew Mick, take a minute during the day to remember him, for those that didn't, enjoy his tournament I know that all the players love it and were all very proud of its continued success and the joy it provides.

Good Luck.