



FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL RULES

1. The tournament will consist of league and knockout stages. The winners and runners-up of each group will qualify for the knockout stages. Positions will be decided by highest points, followed by the best goal difference, followed by most goals scored. If all of these are equal the decision will be made by a toss of a coin.
2. League games will consist of 7 minutes each way.
Quarterfinal games will consist of 7 minutes each way.
Semi-final games will consist of 7 minutes each way.
The final will consist of 10 minutes each way.
3. Three points are awarded for a win and one point for a draw during the league stages.
4. a) During the knockout stages if teams are level at the end of normal time the match will be decided by penalties.
b) Each team member on the pitch at the end of play must take a penalty.
c) If the scores are still even the match will be decided by sudden death penalties.
5. Each team will consist of 5 players plus a maximum of 3 substitutes. All players must be 16 years old or over.
6. Any player may only play for one team in the competition.
7. Any team playing a player that has not been signed on will be excluded from taking any further part in the tournament.
8. Substitutions are on a roll on roll off basis.
Players are only allowed to be substituted when the ball is out of play and the referee has been notified as per normal F.A.rules.
9. Should the referee caution a player, he will automatically be excluded from the next match, should a player be sent off by the referee he will be excluded from taking any further part in the tournament.
10. Team captains must have their team ready to play at required pitch at least 5 minutes before designated kick off time. Failure to do so will result in the match being awarded to the opposing team, 5 goals to 0.
11. Kick off at the start of each half and following a goal will be taken as per normal rules (from the centre circle).
12. There will be no offside rules.
13. In the event of a free kick opposing teams must retire a minimum of 4 yards.
14. Throw-ins will be taken to normal F.A. regulations (overhead).
15. Normal F.A. rules apply to the goalkeeper and his area
16. The **top goal scorer trophy** will be awarded to the person with the most goals scored in normal play within **the league stages**. In the event there is more than one top goal scorer the outcome will be decided by a penalty shoot-out.
17. **Normal F.A. rules apply for any other situation.**
18. **Team captains should make sure all players for his team have read the five a side rules.**
19. **All persons participating in any of Twin Oaks Football Promotions events do so at their own risk.**