

# ISL WEST COUNTRY CUP 2017 TOURNAMENT RULES

## 1. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION AND NAME

The competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association. Matches shall be played in accordance with The Laws of the Game as settled by the International Football Board. The competition shall be called The West Country Cup. The competition shall be open to all clubs that have the approval of their County/National FA.

## 2. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND POWERS

An independent Management Committee comprising Mr S Wallis, Mr A Linkhorn, Mr M Ward and Mrs T Linkhorn shall be appointed to organise the tournament.

The Management 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. The Management Committee shall also adjudicate in all cases of dispute, protest and complaint. Other members may be co-opted if required.

## 3. PLAYERS QUALIFICATION

The Competition shall be divided into the following age groups:

U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14 and players have to under that as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016

Before taking part, each team shall produce a list of players eligible to participate, together with their dates of birth. All players shall be bona fide members of their club.

## 4. CLASH OF COLOURS

Each competing team shall register its first and second choice of colours at least fourteen days before date of the Competition. In the event of a clash of colours, the second named team in the draw shall change. Players shall be dressed in uniform shirts and shorts but the goalkeeper's dress must be distinguished from that of the other players.

## 5. ARRANGEMENT OF COMPETITION

The Competition will be played on a League basis in the first stage, with the teams divided into Groups. Each team shall play one or two matches against each of the other teams in its Group. Three points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. In the event of any teams being level on points for any place in their group, the team(s) with the superior Goal Difference shall take precedence.

In the event of Goal Difference being equal, the team(s) scoring the greater number of goals shall take precedence. If Goal Difference and Goals Scored are equal, the result of the match(es) between the equal teams shall decide the Group Table places.

In the event of all things being equal, places will be decided by the drawing of lots by the Management Committee.

## 6. DURATION OF PLAY

Timings for each age group are as follows:

Under 7	20 minutes <b>one way</b>
Under 8	20 minutes <b>one way</b>
Under 9	15 minutes each way
Under 10	20 minutes <b>one way</b>
Under 11	15 minutes <b>one way</b>
Under 12	20 minutes each way
Under 13	30 minutes <b>one way</b>
Under 14	30 minutes <b>one way</b>

**7. SUBSTITUTES**

The competition allows “repeated substitutions”

A player who has been substituted during a match himself becomes a substitute and may, in turn, replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

The squad for matches at U7, U8, U9 and U10 shall be up to double the amount of players who are on the pitch at the start of play, all these players may be used as substitutes. At U11, U12, U13 and U14 a maximum of 5 substitutes may be named.

**8. REPORTING OF RESULTS**

The referee shall be responsible for notifying the tournament control of the result of each game at its conclusion.

**9. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretation of Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee, but no objection relative to the dimensions of the pitches or other appurtenances thereon shall be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the game.

Appeals against the decision of the committee may be made to The Football Association within 14 days and must be accompanied by an appeal fee of £50.00. Any appeal to an appeals board of The Football Association shall be made and conducted only in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association that relate to appeals to an appeals board as are in force at any time.

**10. TROPHIES**

All Age Groups shall receive: -

- Trophy for the winning team
- Medals for winning and runners up team players
- Medals for the participating officials
- Participation certificates for all players

**11. RULES OF THE COMPETITION**

The Rules of the Competition are binding on the teams taking part. All rules will be in accordance with the laws of the game as laid down by the FA. Dispensation can be applied for teams that use the calendar year age categories.

**12. MISCONDUCT**

A player, who is sent off the field for misconduct or is cautioned twice in the Competition for misconduct, shall be automatically excluded from the next match in the Competition. All cases of misconduct shall be reported to the appropriate County Football Association.

**13. THE BALL**

Size 3 footballs will be used by under 7 under 8 and under 9, Size 4 footballs in all other age groups.

**5 A SIDE / 7 A SIDE / 9 A SIDE - SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

1. The competition is for the following age groups:

Boys under 7/ 8 (NON COMPETITIVE) Under 9 under 10

2. The competition shall be 7-a-side on a small pitch with small goals, except for Under 7 & 8, which shall be 5 a side. The 9-a-side will be played on 80x50m pitch with 16ftx7ft goals.

3. Age groups at U7, U8, U9 & U10 will be played as per FA rules for Mini Soccer. All other rules shall be as for the 9-a-side and 11-a-side competition and shall be played in accordance laws of the game.