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MK GALLACTICO YOUTH TOURNAMENT—16th and 17th June 2018 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Except where other provisions in these rules are made, the laws of association football apply.
2. All players must be under the age of 7, 8, 9,10,11,12,13,14,15 & 16, on the 31st August 2018 according to their respective age groups.
3. Teams playing in the Under 7 and Under 8 age groups will be playing on a NON-COMPETITIVE basis. All players will receive the same awards for competing. No club/team will be declared outright winners. Teams playing in Under 10 or below must also follow the halfway line retreat rule for goal kicks.
4. Each squad shall consist of a maximum of 10 players. Only U7s & U8s team shall consist of **FIVE** players and a maximum of five substitutes **PER MATCH**. Each team (U9 and above) shall consist of **SEVEN** players and a maximum of three substitutes **PER MATCH**.

Substitutes may be used at any time during the game. Once substituted the player may be re-used on a roll on / roll off basis.

There will be a maximum of two "guest" players allowed per squad (ie – players who are not included on the league registration card/sheet for that team for season 2017-2018, No Academy players will be permitted). These players must bring some form of ID for proof of age (copy of birth certificate or passport).

League registration cards for the season 2017-2018 will be required when registering your team (you may need to photocopy cards if they are required to be returned to your local league)

5. The competition for Under 9's and above shall consist of a number of group games and knock out games according to age.

Home team must provide match ball.

Group Stages

Each age group will consist of one, two or three groups, with each team playing one another (in their group) on a league basis.

The first named team selects ends and the second named team starts the game and supplies the ball.

3 points are awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

If a team fails to fulfil a fixture at the group stage, the three points will be awarded to their opponents with a score line of 0-0, unless, by their failure to appear in a particular match or matches, that team gains an advantage. In this case the tournament committee shall make a decision. Their decision will be final and not open to appeal.

Qualification for the knockout stages

The top two in the group after all the league games have been completed, will qualify for the next stage of the competition. These will be joined by the two best third placed teams in the age groups that have three leagues.

In the event of a tie on points, goal difference then goals scored will apply. If teams are still level a play off match/matches of 5 minutes straight play will take place after which, if the teams are still level, a penalty shoot out will take place.

Knockout Competition

In the knockout stages of the competition, if the scores are level at full time an extra 3 minutes straight play will follow. If the score is still level penalties shoot out will decide the winners.

Penalty Shoot Out

Each team will take five penalties. If the scores are level at the end of this, sudden deaths shoot out takes place.

Only players left on the field of play, taking part in the game, are eligible for the penalty shoot out.



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Both teams will remain in an orderly manner in /around the centre circle and may be joined by one official from the team only. The team Manager or Captain will select the order in which his players will take the penalties and make it known to the referee. This sequence will apply throughout the shootout in the match.

6. There will be no offside rule
7. Qualified referees will officiate in all games, unless specified by the organisers, and their decision will be final.
8. Assistant referees will be appointed at the discretion of the referee. Official referees will assist in semi-finals and finals, unless specified by the organisers.
9. The referee will record the result of each game and hand the result slip to the first named team Manager / Coach at the end of each game. They will in turn take this slip to the control point where the result will be logged. The result slip must be signed by the referee and submitted to the control tent within ten minutes of the completion of the match.
10. A player cautioned will automatically be ineligible for his/hers teams next match. A player cautioned twice during the competition or sent off, will take no further part in the tournament. The referee is obliged to report all cases of misconduct to the relevant association within two days. No substitute will be allowed to take the place of the player that has been dismissed
11. ALL competing teams must ensure that their registration forms are returned to the control point at least 30 minutes before their first game.
12. An entry fee of £30.00 per team will be charged. This fee is not refundable in the event of cancellation.
13. Goal kicks – Under 7, 8, 9, and 10's will take goal kicks from the edge of the area. Under 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and U16, will take goal kicks from the goal line either side of the goal.
14. Players may not score direct from kick-off. In the event of the ball entering the goal from kick-off without touching any other player, a goal-kick will be awarded to the defending team.
15. Any case of misconduct involving player(s) or spectator(s) from any team are liable to immediate suspension and the team(s) concerned will take no further part in the tournament and will be asked to leave the premises.
16. Any dispute must be raised immediately. If it is in relation to a league placing that effect the semi/quarter Final it MUST be raised prior to the first ball being kicked in the FIRST semi/quarter Final. In the case of any dispute the decision of the tournament committee will be final.

GROUND RULES

1. **No dogs or other animals.** Guide dogs for the blind accepted.
2. No Bar-B-Q's or other naked flame cooking apparatus (as advised by Buckinghamshire Fire Service).
3. NO FOOTBALLS to be used around the playing areas or where infringement may occur among other people. If infringement occurs the offending player/spectator/team may be suspended from the competition.
4. No persons are to encroach within the boundary of any playing area, or area designated as out of bounds.
5. No alcohol or un-prescribed drugs are permitted on the premises, unless alcohol is consumed in the bar area or other designated zone.
6. Teams will not be allowed to "warm up" on the pitches. This is to preserve the grass in the goal areas as well as be fair to all teams as there may not be an opportunity for everyone to use a goal prior to matches commencing.
7. Teams are responsible for their spectators and in the event that they break the rules or do not comply with instructions, they will be asked to leave the ground and may result in the team being disqualified.