

COMPETITION REGULATIONS – DTFC SUPER 6's – September 2020

1. Teams will be made up of players who are within the prescribed age range (**2020/21 Season Age Groups**). Any team to be found playing with over age players will be disqualified. Teams should bring their players registration card or an appropriate form of identification such as passport etc.
2. The team entry fee must be paid prior to kick –off. Any team that has not paid will not be permitted to play. Teams must be registered on the official team sheet at Match day control, 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the 1st match being played for that age group.
3. The competition will initially be run on a league basis, with 3 points awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. Should teams be level on points at the end of the group phase, then goal difference and then goals scored, followed by results between the teams will be the deciding factor. If still level then a penalty shoot out will be held to establish which team will progress to the next stage.
4. In the event of a best runner up taking a place in the semi finals, the runners up will be ranked on points, goal difference and goals scored. If they are still level after all of these circumstances then they will be ranked on their results against the group winner, with the team with the best result progressing. If they are still level then a penalty shoot-out will determine who progresses to the knock-out round.
5. Any team failing to play at the appointed time shall forfeit the game with the opponents being awarded a 3-0 victory.
- 6. U7s and u8s will play 5 aside matches. All other matches will be 6 a side.**
7. We request that all clubs and teams respect the FA Youth Review Guidelines <http://www.northamptonshirefa.com/players/kids-and-youth> All U7/U8 and U9 players taking part on the day will also receive a commemorative medal. (Under 8's – 11s can play in a maximum of three trophy events during the season)
8. As stipulated by the NFA, total playing time for the U7's U8's and U9's shall not exceed 40 mins. U10's and U11's shall not exceed 60 mins. This will include any knock out rounds.
9. Team's are not permitted to set up their own BBQ's due to Health & Safety Regulations.
10. People attending the event are asked not to consume any alcohol in view of the playing areas.
11. Any team found guilty or deliberately breaking the rules or failing to control players or spectators will be disqualified from the tournament and will forfeit their entry fee.

PLAYING CONDITIONS – DTFC SUPER 6's

12. Each team will consist of a maximum of 6 players and 4 substitutes, who may be bought on at any time subject to permission from the referee. A player who has been replaced becomes a substitute themselves. No player may play for more than one team.
13. Any player receiving a red card for serious foul play, offensive abusive and insulting language, violent conduct or spitting during the game will take no further part in the competition.
- 14. Any player receiving 2 yellow cards during the tournament will take no further part in the competition.**
- 15. Each pitch has a Respect Line running parallel down one side 1 metre from the touchline. All Spectators must stand behind this line. Coaches and Players will stand on the opposite side of the pitch. No Spectator is permitted to enter the field of play unless requested to do so by the referee or a tournament official.**
- 16. No abuse of the referee or tournament officials will be tolerated.**
17. Each match will be started with a coin toss by the referee. The team winning the toss shall have the option of kick off. After a goal has been scored the team conceding the goal will resume play the normal manner. The 1st named team will determine which way they shoot with the 2nd named team providing a match ball and a set of bibs in the event of a kit clash.
18. All matches will be played straight through for their duration with no half time or change of ends occurring.
19. In the event of teams being level after normal time during a knock-out game a 5 minute golden goal extra time period will take place. If teams are still level after extra time a penalty shoot-out will take place.
20. Penalty shootouts will consist of 3 nominated players from each team, who must have been on the field at the end of extra time. If the game still remains tied then sudden death penalties will take place. During the penalty shootout, all players other than the penalty taker and the goal keeper will remain on the half way line. Only Managers/Coaches can remain with the players with all other spectators on the side line.
21. The normal rules of Association Football will apply with following exceptions:
 - a) There will be no offside rule
 - b) On free kicks, defenders must stand 5 yards away from the ball
 - c) Goal kicks are taken from the goal line for all teams (apart from U7, U8 and U9 who may take kicks from anywhere within the goal area.
 - d) Opponents must be at least 5 yards away from the ball at kick off.
 - e) Keepers can release the ball by hand or passing but not by drop kicking the ball.**
22. Normal pass back rule applies for all age groups.
23. Players may enter the penalty area as in Association Football.
24. Referees decision will be final on all matters during the game, in particular the final result.