



BRITANNIA INTERNATIONAL CUP 2023 MINI SOCCER RULES

1. CLUBS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER:

All clubs must be affiliated to their County Football Associations
 All non-English clubs to be affiliated if required by their National Association
 All participating clubs must hold relevant insurance

PLAYERS QUALIFICATIONS: Teams which use FIFA International January registration dates will be accepted into the competition.

Boys/girls Under 7's must be born after 31st August 2015
 Boys/girls Under 8's must be born after 31st August 2014
 Boys/girls Under 9's must be born after 31st August 2013
 Boys/girls Under 10's must be born after 31st August 2012
 Under 12 girls must be born after 31st August 2010
 Under 14 girls must be born after 31st August 2008

3. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS: A player registration sheet must be handed to the group co-ordinator upon arrival at the registration desk. Players should not be allowed to begin to play until the season of their 6th birthday. Players must play with and against players only from their own age range within a two year age band.

4. NUMBERS OF PLAYERS, PLAYING FORMATS, PITCH SIZES, GOAL SIZES BALL SIZES:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5v5	30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
	Under 8		30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
7	Under 8	5v5	30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
	Under 9	7v7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	3
8	Under 9	7v7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	3
	Under 10		50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	4
9	Under 10	7v7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	4
	Under 11	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
10	Under 11	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 12		70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
11	Under 12	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 13	11v11	90x50	82.3x45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4

5. SUBSTITUTES:

For mini soccer any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the Match Official. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to the play as a substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its Team in an age group.

6. THE PENALTY AREA:

The penalty area will extend from the goal line across the full width of the playing area regardless of its size and shall start 6 yards from the goal line. The Penalty Mark is on the edge of the penalty area opposite the centre of the goal. There are no restrictions on the number of players allowed in the penalty area.

7. PLAYING EQUIPMENT: Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip.

8. DURATION OF GAMES:

The Football Association recommends that no player shall play more in any one day than the stipulated period outlined below:

Maximum duration of participation per day per player:

Under 8's, Under 9's, Under 10's, U12 & U13 mini soccer – each game will consist of a 10 or 12 minute playing period. Each player should play no more than a total of 40 minutes in the Under 8's and 60 minutes in the Under 9's Under 10's, U12 & U13 mini soccer. Each player should play no more than a total of 60 minutes.

9. START OF PLAY: A kick off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored.

Special Circumstances:

A dropped ball to restart the match after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area takes place on the penalty area line parallel to goal line at that point nearest to where the ball was located when the play stopped

10. OFFSIDE: There is no offside rule.

11. FREE KICKS: All free kicks are direct and the opposition must be at least 4.5 metres (5 yards) from the ball.

12. PENALTY KICKS: Penalty kicks are taken from the mark at the edge of the area opposite the centre of the goal.

13. INFRINGEMENT/SANCTIONS: If a player or players commit an offence at the taking of a penalty kick his/her team shall not be allowed to gain an advantage (i.e. the kick is retaken or the goal is disallowed depending on which team offended).

If a player of both the defending and the attacking teams offend, the kick shall be retaken.

14. THROW-IN'S: The traditional method of throwing the ball in from behind the head will be the only permitted method of returning the ball into play from the side-line. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in

15. BACK PASS TO GOALKEEPER: The goalkeeper may not receive a ball directly back from the player he has just passed it to. A direct free kick is awarded.

16. GOAL KICK: Goal Kicks are taken from the edge of the penalty area. The opposition must be at least 4.5 metres (5 yards) away from the ball and out of the penalty area. A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area.

17. CORNER KICKS: The opposition must be at least 4.5 metres (5 yards) away.

18. Misconduct

Any player receiving a second caution (Yellow Card) during The Competition will be automatically suspended from his/her teams next scheduled match. Any player dismissed (Red Card) by the Referee will be automatically suspended from his/her teams next scheduled match. The management Committee in special cases can decide on stricter penalties. Severe offences will be reported to the FA of each country.

Automatic Expulsion

Any player using abusive, threatening, insulting or offensive language will be dismissed and take no further part in the competition.

Any player who is deemed to have committed a violent act, i.e. fist punching, aggressive head-butting or other acts of excessive/extreme violence towards an opposing team member will be dismissed and take no further part in the competition.

If more than one player or team officials commit such acts, then their team will be dismissed from the competition. A team will also be expelled if it's officials or supporters enter the field of play with intent on violence.

A team will also be expelled, if their behaviour off the field towards tournament personal, University staff and its property, or other players/team members does not meet the standards of appropriate behaviour in a sporting manner.

19. REFEREES: A referee shall be appointed to officiate in each game. He shall have the same powers and duties as laid down in the laws of the game. All referees to be registered with a county FA.

20. REFEREES APPOINTMENTS

Registered Referees and assistant referees shall be appointed by the Referees Appointment Secretary. Referees fees will be paid by either fee/kit/holdall.

21. TEAM GROUPINGS

All teams will play in groups of 5/6 teams and play a 'round robin' fixture in the under 8's on a friendly basis.

The Under 9's, under 10's competitions will also play a round robin programme, U12 & U13 teams a league basis, the winner of each group will progress into a final. 3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw. In the event of equal points between teams on completion of the group fixtures the following procedure will take place to decide who goes through to the final:

- a) The result of the match in which the two teams were involved – head to head
- b) Penalty kicks

22. TROPHIES: The winning teams of the Under 8's, 9's & 10's competitions will receive a trophy known as the New Balance Manchester Easter International Cup Trophy.

23. PROTESTS AND APPEALS:

All protests and appeals relative to a particular game in the competition shall be made in writing to the group co-ordinator within 10 minutes of the completion of the match with a protest fee of £20. All protests and complaints lodged during the competition will be decided upon by three members of the management committee. The decision of this board of appeal will be final and binding on all concerned. All referees decisions will be binding.

The Rules of the Competition are binding on all the teams taking part.