



Flitwick Eagles FC

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Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) - Acceptable Footwear Policy

For all teams competing in the 9-A-Side Cup Competitions or the U15 6-A-Side competitions on the Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) in the Flitwick Eagles Tournament, there is a strict Acceptable Footwear Policy defined by Flitwick Football Centre, that we all need to comply with. **Please ensure that your players and coaching staff are fully aware of the policy and bring the correct footwear.** See [Acceptable Footwear Policy](#) link for further details.

Additionally, no food or hot drinks permitted on AGP and the use of Chewing Gum is discouraged.

Tournament Rules

1. Teams that are U10 and under can consist of a maximum of **14** players.
2. Teams that are U11 to U15 can consist of a maximum of **16** players.
3. For the **U15 6-A-side** competition all FA rules bar the 'Offside Rule' still apply. Unlike in mini soccer, a throw-in will still be awarded (*when the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, on the ground or in the air*) as opposed to the 'Pass or Dribble-in'.
4. Players can only be registered for an individual team, interchanging between teams is **NOT** permitted.
5. Teams should be pitch side ready for games 5 mins before scheduled kick-off.
6. Rolling substitutions apply for all age groups.
7. In mini soccer age groups (**U7, U8, U9 & U10**), the 'Retreat Rule' applies. *For 'Goal Kicks' opponents must retreat back to their own half until the ball is in play. The defending team does not have to wait for the opposition to retreat and has the option to restart the game before waiting should they choose to. However, the ball is then in play as soon as it is kicked directly out the penalty area.*
8. Also, in mini soccer age groups (**U7, U8, U9 & U10**), the 'PASS OR DRIBBLE-IN' applies. *When the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, on the ground or in the air, instead of a throw-in, a pass-in or dribble-in is awarded.*
9. Home team should change shirts or wear bibs in event of a colour clash.
10. Home team will choose the end to play and should provide a match ball. Away team has kick off.
11. A win is **3** points, a draw is **1** point and a loss **0**.
12. **Cup & Plate** competitions only are played out as a 'round robin' league with Winners & Runners-Up receiving medals. For the other competitions the 'top two teams' in each group progress to a semi-final / final knockout stage.
13. If any teams finish with the same number of points in their group, their position in the League Table is determined by goal difference, then the number of goals scored, then the team who collected the most points in the head-to-head matches. If teams can still not be separated, then a penalty shoot-out will take place with five penalties for each side. If still level at this point, then sudden death penalties will be undertaken to determine winner.

Tied Semi-Final and Final matches (excludes Cup & Plate) will be decided on a penalty shoot-out with five penalties for each side, followed by sudden death, until there is a winner.



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14. Duration of matches is stated on the website or handout on the day for the respective age group.
15. For age groups where the off-side rule applies, each team needs to provide one linesman.
16. The referee's decision is final in all matches.
17. Tournament disputes will be heard and decision taken by the tournament organisers, without appeal.
18. FIFA rules apply at all times.

Players, Officials and Supporters Conduct

19. This tournament uses yellow and red cards. If a player accumulates two yellow cards in the tournament this will result in the player being suspended from the next match.
20. If a player receives more than two yellow cards they will not be permitted to play in the rest of the tournament.
21. Any player given a red card is banned from playing in any other games and **will be** reported to their County's FA.
22. In the interest of player safety all spectators, officials and players not on the field of play, **MUST** stand behind the Respect Barriers at all times.
23. Flitwick Eagles FC supports the FA Respect campaign. Any player, official or supporter that does not abide by the FA respect guidelines, will be asked to immediately leave the tournament and facility.
24. Referees are provided, however teams need to provide a lines person where the offside rule applies.

