

**DEVON COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
MARINE ACADEMY FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL**



MANAGERS AND OFFICIALS MEETING 9.30 AM ON SCHEDULED DAY OF COMPETITION.

Access to Pitches from 9am

Rule 1. COMPETITION NAME

- (i) The name of the Competition shall be the: Marine Academy festival of football which shall take place at: Marine Academy Plymouth
On June 17th/18th June 2017
commencing at 10.00am

The competition shall be affiliated to Devon County Football Association in accordance with Rules 7 or such rules that shall be applicable.

- (ii) The Competition will comprise teams in the following age groups:
Under 7/8/9/10/11/12

Rule 2 ENTRY TO COMPETITION

- (i) Entry to the competition is by invitation of the Management Committee
- (ii) The Entry Fee is £25 per team.
- (iii) Any team withdrawing from the competition after having accepted the invitation for entry will forfeit its entry fee, unless otherwise directed by the Management Committee. In the event of inclement weather and the competition being cancelled or abandoned on the day teams will not be refunded due to costs already committed to staging the event.
- (iv) Teams shall report to the designated fixture Secretary no later than 9.30.am
- (v) Any team not registering in accordance with (iv) above, will be assumed to have withdrawn from the competition

Rule 3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Officers of the competition shall be as follows:

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| Tournament Director | Darren Stewart |
| Fixture sec. | Josh Ford |
| MAP policy/welfare officer | Alan Thomas |
| Devon county FA rep | Chris French |
| Referees Co-ordinator | Mark Roberts |
| Registration sec | Samantha Drewery |
| Registered Medical cover | Mike Jones |

Rule 4

The competition shall be governed by a Management Committee who shall be responsible for the running of the competition. The Management Committee's decision on any of the Competition Rules, or on any matter not covered by the rules, shall, subject to Rule 9 and 10, be final and binding.

Rule 5 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- (i) All players must be registered with the competition on the Competition Registration Form
- (ii) Minor or Junior Players registered for this competition shall be under the designated age by 31/8.
- (iv) No player who is under Devon County FA or any Affiliated Organisation suspension is eligible to play in the competition.

Rule 6 CLUB NAME/COLOURS

Teams shall submit their name and colours, on the Competition Registration Form to be handed in at the 9.30 am meeting.
In the event of a colour clash the second named team will wear bibs.

Rule 7 MATCH RULES AND FORMAT

Competition will be played to DCFA approved rules for appropriate age bands with alterations to length of game, substitutions, retreat rule, offsides and halftimes.

1. Duration of game will be 15 minutes one way (or 2 halves of 7)
2. Substitutions can be made at any time with acknowledgement from the referee.

LEAGUE FORMAT

Teams advised on the day, regarding Tournament layout.
There will be 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw,

In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points their position shall be decided on:

- (a) goal difference
- (b) result of head to head fixture
- (c) goals scored
- (d) penalties

(With competition layout including the 2 best 3rd place teams for knockout qualification in the event of unequal group numbers the teams with the best points per game ratio will qualify.)

- (iii) The Knock-out stage will be as follows:
As league rules featuring the designated qualifiers as outlined in competition layout.
Extra-time will be played and shall be 3 minutes each way.
If teams are level after extra-time Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with FA Guidelines will be applicable.(3 penalties, then sudden death)
- (iv) All matches shall be of two equal halves.

Rule 8 REFEREES

Registered Referees shall be appointed to matches. In the event of a Registered Referee not being available the Management Committee shall appoint as a match referee any qualified referee or member of MAP sports staff as they see fit.

Rule 9 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- (i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretation of the Rules shall be referred to the Tournament officers as mentioned.
- (ii) Any dispute occurring between teams in the competition shall be referred to by 2 members of the Management Committee whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties subject to Rule 10.
- (iii) No protest of any kind shall be entertained by the Management Committee unless the complaining club have deposited the sum of £5 This may be forfeited in whole or part in the event of the protesting club losing its case.
- (iv) A protest must be submitted to the Management within 5 minutes of the dispute. Failure to do so will result in the management Committee declaring the protest null and void.

Rule 10 BOARD OF APPEAL

- (i) Within 5minutes of the decision of the Management Committee in response to a protest by a Team, the Team may lodge an appeal accompanied by an Appeal Fee of £5
- (ii) The Management Committee shall appoint an Appeals Board of three persons from the mentioned committee from the Director and 2 others who had not taken any part in the findings of the original protest by the Team.
- (iii) After having heard the Appellant's evidence and the Respondent's evidence the Appeals Board shall make a decision on that evidence and inform both parties of its decision which will be final and binding.

Rule 11 MISCONDUCT

- (i) Referees shall report to Devon County Football Association all case of serious misconduct (ie. Breaches of Law 12 or of FA Rule and/or Regulation).
- (ii) Cautionable offences should be reported to the Competition Management Committee who shall record such against the name of the player, who should he receive a second caution in the competition should be excluded from competing in part or remainder of competition as determined by the management committee
- (iii) Any player who has been sent from the Field of Play for an offence should be excluded from competing in part or remainder of competition as determined by the management committee

Rule 12 RULES BINDING ON TEAMS

Each team shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 10. Each team must abide by any issued Devon County Football Association or Football Association Rule or Code of Conduct, (see below)

CHILD PROTECTION

1. Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behaviour which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.
2. In these Rules the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Football Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.
3. The taking of photographs for Sports Complex noticeboard, website and press releases shall only include teams/players that have indicated permission on their registration form.
4. The competition official photographer Russell Soper has been authorised to take photos for the event which will be available to view and purchase from the registration point.

In the interest of health and safety and safeguarding: Please make your spectators aware:

- No Alcohol is permitted on the Marine Academy grounds
- No Bar-B-Qs are permitted on Marine Academy grounds
- No Dogs are permitted on the Marine Academy grounds
- No bikes, scooters are permitted on the Marine Academy grounds
- No Smoking on college grounds.
- No filming or photos taken without prior permission

D.Stewart updated 10/1/17