

Loch Lomond Youth Soccer Festival 2012

Venue: University of Stirling & Wallace High School
Organiser: Soccer Events Limited
Date: 2nd – 5th August 2012

Festival Rules: 11-a-side

- 1. Rules.** All the matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as laid down by the International Football Association Board, as issued by F.I.F.A.
The organising association, above, has received the necessary permission to host the festival from the Scottish Football Association and U.E.F.A and where necessary by F.I.F.A.
The organising association shall form an organising committee / festival committee, which shall be responsible for all arrangements in connection with the competition.
- 2. Referees.** Referees registered with the Scottish Football Association will control all 11-a-side competitive matches.
- 3. Participants.** Only teams, leagues or associations who are affiliated to a recognised national association are eligible to take part in the festival.
- 4. Team Leader.** An adult over 18 years of age must accompany every team; the name, address, date of birth and emergency number of this adult must be printed clearly on the team's registration sheet. This adult will be deemed to be the team leader and they will be responsible for the behaviour of their players, on and off the field of play. They will be held responsible for the actions of their team within the sports complex and within all other facilities available to the team.
- 5. Age Categories:**
 - Youth: Players born on or after 1st January 1994
 - Youth: Players born on or after 1st January 1996
 - Youth: Players born on or after 1st January 1997
 - Youth: Players born on or after 1st January 1998
 - Youth: Players born on or after 1st January 1999
 - Youth: Players born on or after 1st January 2000
 - Girls: Players born on or after 1st January 1995
 - Girls: Players born on or after 1st January 1997
- 6. Age Control / Team Sheets.** Prior to commencement of the first match the team leader must submit to the festival committee, a team sheet, which shall contain the full name, date of birth, address and team number of a maximum of 20 players. All players must be able to provide proof of their age and identity. They may be asked to show this proof at any time.

7. **Duration of Play.** Each game shall consist of two equal periods of 30 minutes each way. The festival committee has the right to alter the duration of play and the festival format, should a situation arise which makes this necessary. The half-time interval will be no less than 5 minutes in length and no more than 15 minutes.

8. **Festival Format.**

Each Age Category will have eight teams registered and teams will then be divided into two groups of four. Teams will play three games against the respective teams in their group. The first two teams from each section will play for a place in the cup final and the 3rd and 4th placed teams will play for a place in the plate final.

The organisers will restrict goals recorded to a maximum of 9.

The number of points attained will determine the play-off positions of teams. The points system applied will be: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.

Where teams are level on points in their group the following will apply in order:

- Goal difference
- Most goals scored
- The result of the mutual match
- If the mutual match was a score draw then the first team that scored
- If the mutual match was a no score draw then the drawing of lots.

Finals: In the event of a draw, penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the system laid down by the International Football Association in order to determine the winner.

Where a team has failed to play due to circumstances beyond the organisers control games involving that team will be declared null & void. Refunds cannot be given due to un-played games that are beyond the organiser's control.

The referee will notify the organisers of each result and the coordinator will record the respective scores. Lists of results will be available to teams at the end of each day along with the league standing and final placing etc., Copies of these results etc., will be forwarded to the appropriate associations.

Pitch Layout: All fields of play will have technical areas marked out and will be 'roped off'. Only team players and officials will be allowed within the 'roped off' area and must remain in the technical area during games. All parents / supporters and other club officials must watch from the opposite side and from behind the ropes. Team officials will be responsible for ensuring that all are aware of this rule. If for any reason it is not adhered to the team official(s) will be approached and requested to abide by this rule and / or challenge any other person breaching the rule.

9. **Awards.** Trophies will be presented to the first placed teams. All finalists will receive medals.

10. **Substitutes.** Substitutes can be used at any time during the game and can be reinstated to the game (play must have stopped and the referee notified and agreed to allow the substitution to proceed).

11. **Team Colours.** Every team is obliged to bring a second choice of strip of contrasting colour.

If, according to the referee, before the start of the match, the colours are too similar then the team first mentioned in the program should change.

Team officials should wear clothing that highlights them as such. All team officials must where asked by the referee, organisers or festival staff identify themselves and provide their name, address and position with the team / club.

12. **Discipline.** When a player is sent from the field or is given a caution, the festival committee will be notified immediately after the match by the referee. Any player who has been sent off in the festival is not eligible to play in the team's next game.

Note: *All misconduct reports arising from the festival will be forwarded to the National Association of the host association who will forward these reports to the National Association concerned.*

A team's results will be rendered invalid in the following cases:

- If a team is late for a game without valid reason.
- If a team uses an ineligible player.
- If the referee has to abandon a game due to misconduct of players, officials of that team.
- If a team withdraws or fails to appear.

13. **Protests.** The referee's decision in all matters concerning key points of play shall be final and binding; therefore protests in this area are not accepted. Only the responsible leader should make all other protests to the festival's committee no later than 30 minutes after the match. The festival committee's decision on all protests is final and binding.

14. **Rules / Decisions.** The rules of the festival and decisions of the organising and appeals committee shall be final and binding on all teams in the festival.

15. **Schedule.** The festival committee has the right to alter the competition schedule should unforeseen circumstances occur.

16. **Circumstances beyond Control.** The festival committee will abide by any decisions from the University of Stirling and Wallace High School in respect of inclement weather. Should the playing fields be deemed unplayable the festival would have to be cancelled. The organisers will have fulfilled their obligation in organising this event.

If a scheduled team withdraws at short notice or fails to appear or withdraws during the event the organisers reserve the right to change the schedule where possible. The organisers will have fulfilled their obligation in organising this event.

17. **Responsibility.** It is the responsibility of each team to make sure that adequate insurance cover is provided for their players. The festival organisers, the University of Stirling and tour organisers are not responsible for damage to, and loss or theft of possessions or equipment of participants or clubs. They are also not responsible for harm or injury to any participants.
18. **Footwear.** The organisers may make use of an artificial 3G surface for some games. Teams will not have more than one game on that artificial surface. Footwear will be restricted to moulded studs, astro shoes or trainers when playing on the 3G surface. Teams will be notified of any game on this surface prior to the event.