

Loch Lomond Youth Soccer Festival 2012

Venue: Wallace High School, Stirling
Organiser: Soccer Events Limited
Date: 5th & 5th August 2012

Festival Rules – Girls U13 Soccer Sevens

1. Control...

Official SFA Referees will be used for all games.

2. Participants...

Only teams, leagues or associations who are affiliated to a recognised national association are eligible to take part in the festival.

3. 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.

The team leader and any other official members of the club / team should wear suitable clothing that identifies them as an official and must provide their details if asked by any of the organisers or their staff.

4. Age Categories...

Players born on or after 1st January 1999

5. Age Control...

Prior to commencement of the first match the team leader must submit to the festival office, a registration sheet, which shall contain the full name, date of birth, address and team number of a maximum of 14 players. All players must provide proof of their age and identity. They may be asked to show this proof at any time.

6. 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:

1. Goal difference

2. Most goals scored
3. The result of the mutual match
4. If the mutual match was a score draw then the first team that scored
5. 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.

Games will be 20 minutes each way with an interval of five minutes.

7. Team Colours...

Every team is obliged to bring a second choice of strip of contrasting colour. If colours are too similar then the team first mentioned in the program must change.

8. Discipline...

If a player is sent from the field of play, the festival committee will be notified immediately after the match. Players sent off will not eligible to play in their team's next game.

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

The organiser may rearrange matches, and / or expel any team in the following cases:

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

9. Protests...

The organisers' 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 committee no later than 30 minutes after the match. The festival committee's decision on all protests is final and binding.

10. 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.

11. Schedule...

The Festival committee has the right to alter the competition schedule should unforeseen circumstances occur.

12. 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.

13. Responsibility...

It is the responsibility of each team to make sure that adequate insurance cover is provided for their players. The festival organisers and University of Stirling 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.

14. Photography...

Loch Lomond Youth Soccer Festival, Team Officials & supporters may take photographs and video during the festival. Acceptance for the use of cameras & video is agreed unless otherwise stated at the time of booking. Images may be used in future promotional publications. No names will be used.

15. Soccer Rules

The Field of Play

The length of the field of play shall not be more than 65 metres and not less than 55 metres. The breadth shall not be more than 45 metres and not less than 35 metres. Spectators will be separated from the field of play by a rope (the distance from the touchline will be a minimum of 1m).

Spectators shall be positioned on the opposite side of the field of play from the technical areas.

Technical areas, on the same side of the field of play, marked by lines/markers etc., will be provided on each field of play (the distance from the touchline being 1m).

The Ball

The match ball shall be size 4.

The Number of Players

The maximum number of players in a team shall be 14, of whom 7 can be on the field of play at any given time. (6 outfield players and 1 goalkeeper)

All substitutes can be used at any point in the game.

The laws of the game as stated by FIFA and the International FA Board shall apply subject to the following:

Number of Players

A minimum of 5 players are required to start a 7 a-side match.

Goalposts

Soccer Sevens goals (4.9 m x 1.8 m) will be used.

Equipment

For 13s metal studs are suitable for grass fields only.

Offside

There is no offside rule.

Retreating Area

There will be no retreating area.

Throw-ins and Free Kicks

In the event of the ball going out of play, a throw-in will be awarded.

At all throw-ins and the taking of free kicks, all opposition players must be 6 metres from the ball.

Re-start

Play shall be re-centred after a goal has been scored with the opposing team at least 6 metres from the ball.

Pass Back

The current pass back rule will apply.

Penalty Kicks

Penalty kicks shall be taken 7 metres from the goal line.

Goalkeepers

Goalkeepers may kick or throw the ball out as preferred. However, in an effort to prevent long passes prevailing, they should be encouraged to restrict these to a minimum. Goalkeepers attempting to gather the ball by hand may not be challenged.

The 6 second rule for goalkeepers will apply.

Corner Kicks

The current corner kick rule will apply.

Goal Kick

A goal kick can be taken from anywhere in the goal area.

NB. Equipment:

All players must wear shin pads.

Glasses may be worn provided they have safety frames and lenses.