

Peacehaven & Telscombe Football Club Tournament Rules 23/24

1. Name of Competition. The tournament shall be known as the Peacehaven & Telscombe 6-A-Side Football Tournament and shall be played in accordance with the Football Association Rules and Laws of small sided football and these tournament rules. By their participation in the Peacehaven & Telscombe 6-A-Side Football Tournament all teams will be considered to have understood and accepted the tournament rules.

2. Eligibility. It is determined by the age of the players as at 31st August 2023. Players must have been registered with the team they are representing in the tournament for the 2023/24 season, or have prior approval of the management committee, and managers should bring with them the registration cards or proof of DOB for each player. Managers, with their team declarations, must report to the control centre, in the clubhouse, by the time stated on their registration form. Any teams failing to do so may be disqualified from the competition. A player may only be registered with and play for one team during the tournament. Players at a Centre of Excellence or Academy at any time during the 2023/24 season shall not be permitted to play in any youth age group in this tournament.

3. Participating Clubs. The competition is sanctioned by the Sussex County FA. The sanctioning by the Sussex County F.A. shall accord to all participating Clubs the status of affiliated clubs for this competition only.

4. Managing Committee. A Management Committee shall be appointed to run the competition. The Management Committee shall have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for by these rules. The Management Committee shall also adjudicate in all cases of dispute, protest and complaint. Other members may be co-opted to the committee if required.

5. Protests and Complaints. Any protests or complaints concerning eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee by a Club Official. No objection relative to the dimensions of the playing area or other appurtenances thereon shall be entertained unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the start of the match.

6. Appeals. Appeals against a decision of the Management Committee must be made to the Sussex County F.A.

7. Teams. Squads shall consist of a maximum of eight players all of whom must be registered before the team's first scheduled match. All players shall be bona fide members of their Club and play for only one team in this Competition. Each match shall be played between two teams consisting of six players including a goalkeeper, plus a maximum of two substitutes. **The only exception to this is for the under 6's, 7' & 8's where teams will consist of 5 players plus a maximum of 3 substitutes.**

8. Substitutions. Rolling Substitutes will be allowed. Any substitution must be made with the referee's permission.

9. Ineligible Players. If a team is found to have played an ineligible player, 3 points will be awarded to their opponents. Any team who subsequently fields another ineligible player will be disqualified from the tournament.

10. League.

Under 6's, 7's & 8's: These age groups shall play solely for the enjoyment of taking part. No points will be awarded or leagues kept.

All other age groups: The tournament in each age group will be either one, two or four leagues dependant on the number of teams entered. Each team in each league will play one another once or more depending on the size of the league.

Three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.

The knock-out stages of each age group will be played as per the tournament programme.

Final positions in the leagues will be determined first of all by points. In the event of a tie then the final positions will be decided by the following: firstly, by goal difference, secondly, by the team scoring most goals, thirdly, by the result of the game between the sides or the aggregate result if they have played each other more than once and finally by a penalty shoot-out.

11. Duration of Game.

League games: Two halves of between 5 (unless your group has 5 teams or less, then 7.5 minutes per half)

Finals: Two halves of 7 minutes.

12. Semi-final and Final. In the event of a draw at the end of normal time a further 3 minutes each way will be played, with an immediate turn around at half time.

If the score remains equal after extra time then the winners will be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

13. Penalties. The following format will apply to ALL penalty shoot-outs.

The team managers should supply the referee with a list of any 6 names from their squad of 8 who will be the designated penalty takers. One of the six must also be in goal for the opposition's penalties. The first three players from each list will take alternate penalties. At the end of this the team who scored the most goals will be declared the winners. If the scores are tied, then the remaining players will take alternate penalties in the order supplied to the referee on a sudden death basis. If the scores are still tied once all players have taken one penalty, then the sudden death format will continue in the order previously notified to the referee until there is a winner. Goals can only be scored directly from the penalty kick, rebounds are not permitted.

14. Referees. Referees shall be appointed by the Management Committee. The referee will be the sole arbiter on points of dispute and he/she shall be empowered to interpret the rules governing small sided football. **NO DISPUTES REGARDING THE REFEREE'S DECISIONS WILL BE ENTERTAINED. IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT OVER ANY OF THE LAWS OR TOURNAMENT RULES PLEASE ASK THE REFEREE BEFORE THE MATCH.**

15. Reporting of Results. It is the responsibility of the Referee to report the result to the results via the tournify app. It is the managers responsibility to check the correct results on the app or online <https://www.tournifyapp.com/live/peacehave2024>

16. Kick off Times. If a team fails to appear at the appointed time, 3 points may be awarded to the opponents. If both teams fail to appear then the game will be declared void. No points will be awarded to either team.

17. Laws of the Tournament.

No Offside

Under 6's, 7's & 8's: goalkeepers MAY drop kick the ball from open play

All other age groups: No drop kicks - the keeper must roll or throw the ball during open play.

Goal kicks must be taken from the goal line. Ages under 6's, 7s, 8's, 9s and 10's, can take their goal kicks from any point within the penalty area.

A goalkeeper cannot score direct from a goal kick.

Opposing players shall be at least 5 yards away from the ball when a free kick is taken. All free kicks are direct free kicks.

A goal cannot be scored directly from kick-off.

All other rules of the game will apply including the back-pass rule.

For ages under 6 to under 10 the 'Goal Kick' law will apply. Opponents must retreat into 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 should they choose to. The ball is in play when it is kicked directly out of the penalty area.

18. Fouls and Misconduct. The Sussex F.A rules will apply in all respects and are as follows. Referees will issue a Blue (yellow) card for a cautionable offence. This will be followed by a 2 minute 'sin bin'. In the event of the same player then receiving a further blue (yellow) card in the same match, the player will receive an automatic 1 match suspension. Should a player receive a straight red card for denying a goal or obvious goal scoring opportunity, this was also result in a 1 match suspension. A 2-match suspension will result for use of offensive, insulting or abusive gestures. A 3-match suspension will apply for violent conduct or serious foul play. The referee must report any such cases of misconduct to the referee's coordinator at the end of each match. Any offence outside of the above should be notified to the Sussex County F.A. within their guidelines. Full details can be found as follows www.sussexfa.com/club/small-sided-tournaments

19. Abandonment. Where a referee abandons a match due to the behaviour of any team's players, officials or spectators, then 3 points will be awarded to the opposing team regardless of how much time is left to play in the match or the score at the time of abandonment. The managing committee also reserves to right to disqualify the team responsible for the remainder of the tournament.

20. Disqualification. In the unlikely event any team is disqualified from the tournament by the management committee, all points and scores from matches featuring that team will be null and void. There will be no refund of any entry fees paid.

21. Pitches. Playing areas shall be within the recommended size of pitches as set down by the F.A. Laws for Mini-Soccer. The length of the pitch shall always be greater than the width.

22. Colours. In the event of a colour clash the second named team (the away team) in the fixture will change shirts or wear bibs.

23. Start of Play. The first named team (home team) will start the play with a kick off from the centre spot.

24. Provision of Match Ball. All teams to bring their own match balls with them for the purpose of playing the matches. The 'home' team, the team named first, will provide the match ball. U6 – U10 Size 3, U11 – U14 Size 4, U15 Size 5

25. Trophies and Medals. Under 6's, Under 7s & Under 8s – All players to receive a medal. All other age groups: The winning finalists and runners up will all receive a medal. The winning team also receives a trophy for the team to keep.

Parking

All parking for this event is entirely at the vehicle owner's risk. Any cars not removed from The Big Park by 6pm or 1 hour after the final game are likely to be towed away. Parking is on purchase of a programme and will be £5 for all cars. To ease pressure on the car park and the attendants, please have the correct change ready if possible. You can also make payment by card.

Disclaimer

Entry to and/or participation in this event is entirely at your own risk. Peacehaven & Telscombe F.C and its appointed agents accept no liability whatsoever for any injury to competitors or spectators howsoever caused. Similarly, Peacehaven & Telscombe F.C and its appointed agents accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage to vehicles and/or property during this event.

