



Spratton Junior Sixes Rules of the 6-side Tournament

1. Competition Format

1.1. This Competition is called Spratton Junior Sixes Tournament and is sanctioned by the Northants FA.

1.2. The competition is by open invitation. Applications will only be considered upon receipt of a fully completed entry form (located online at sprattonandpitsfordpumas.co.uk/junior-sixes). Entries will be confirmed by the Tournament Organiser at least seven days prior to the tournament.

1.3 The tournament will have 2 groups for each of the age groups U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 & U13 (2026/27 ages) where the top 4 teams from each group will progress into cup competition and the bottom 4 will progress into the trophy competition. The number of teams in each group may vary depending on the number of entrants and if there are "no shows"

The top placed team of each group will be the cup / trophy winner.

1.4 If points are tied, placings will be chosen by the below criteria and order

1. Number of points earned
2. Goal Difference
3. Goals Scored
4. Head-to-head results
5. If no advantage can be determined following these then the team progressing will be drawn

2. Age Groups, Squads & Player Qualification

2.1. Players must be eligible for their respective age groups

2.2. Age groups will relate to the 26/27 season.

2.3. Each team shall register a squad of players on the day of the competition.

2.4. There is no limit to the number of players allowed in each squad, however Spratton & Pitsford Pumas FC encourage fair game time across the age groups so this should be considered

2.5. Each registered player shall only play for one team throughout the duration of the tournament.

2.6. Each team shall name a manager. The manager shall be responsible for their team being registered on arrival and being available to play on the correct pitch at the correct time. The

manager is also responsible for adherence to the tournament rules and communication of the rules to their squads' players and supporters.

2.7. All players must wear shin pads and appropriate footwear.

2.8. Academy registered players are not allowed to take part in this tournament.

3. Duration of Matches & Balls

3.1. All games will be 10 minutes long.

3.2. There shall be no half-times.

3.3. Match balls should be provided by the "home team" for each game relevant to the age groups (size 3 for U8, U9 & U10, Size 4 for U11, U12 & U13)

3.4 In the event of a clash of colours, the second named team should wear an away kit or bibs

3.5. The below "laws grid" will apply for the various age groups

Age Group	Back Passes?	Goal Kick Position	Retreat Line	Throw in / Kick / Dribble In	Headers Allowed?
U8	Not Allowed	Goal Area	Yes	Kick / Dribble	No
U9	Not Allowed	Goal Area	Yes	Kick / Dribble	No
U10	Not Allowed	Goal Line	Yes	Kick / Dribble	No
U11	Not Allowed	Goal Line	Yes	Kick / Dribble	No
U12	Not Allowed	Goal Line	Yes	Throw	Yes
U13	Not Allowed	Goal Line	Yes	Throw	Yes

4. Scores & Results

4.1. Scores will be recorded by the organiser.

4.2 The referee will be responsible for reporting the final scores to the organiser upon the final whistle.

4.3 Win = 3 pts | Draw = 1 pts | Loss = 0 pts

4.4 Goals scored and conceded shall be recorded in the event that the final table at the end of the evening is tied.

4.5. In the knockout rounds, in the event of a tie, a penalty shootout will be used to determine the winner, initially 3 penalties each, followed by sudden death if required

5. Playing Rules

5.1. The Laws of association football will apply.

5.2. Substitutes are roll on, roll off from those named on the registration form. A substituted player can return in the same match. Referee's must be informed of and allow substitutions. The number of substitutions made during a game is unlimited.

5.3. Goalkeepers can release the ball by passing or by hand (both overarm or underarm), but no dropkicks

5.4. Goal kicks can be taken from as per the table in section 3.5

5.5. Throw in / kick ins will be used for out of play restartsas per the table in section 3.5

5.6. Defenders must always be 5 yards away from the ball for play restarts

5.7. Back pass rule applies to ALL age groups

5.8. All Players MAY enter the penalty area

6. Players, Officials and Supporters Conduct

6.1. This competition uses the yellow and red card system.

6.2. An accumulation of two yellow cards on a single day in the competition will result in the player being suspended from the next match.

6.3. Two yellow cards in one match equals a red card and the player will be sent off.

6.4. A player who receives a red card (either straight red or for two yellow cards in the same match) will not be permitted to take any further part in the competition.

6.5. All cautions and red cards will be dealt with on the day of the match.

6.6. Any misconduct from the tournament could be reported to Northants FA by the organisers

7. Reporting Results

7.1. The referee will be responsible for reporting the final scores to the organiser upon the final whistle.

8. Protests and Appeals

8.1. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of Rules shall be referred to the Tournament Committee, but no objection relative to the dimensions of the playing area or other appurtenances thereon shall be entertained by the Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the game.

9. Referees

9.1. Referees shall be appointed by the Competition. We Are promoting and supporting the use of junior referees – please be respectful, they might not (as with any referee) get everything right. We ill not tolerate any abuse of our referees today

10. Trophy

10.1 The following will receive a trophy

1. The winners of each age's cup & trophy competition for U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 & U13
2. Medals will be awarded to each age cup and trophy winner

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