

# Rules Football



## AGE GROUPS

Juniors	7 – 9yrs	10 – 11yrs	Mixed Option
Seniors	12 – 14yrs	15 – 16yrs	Boys Only

## TEAM SIZE

5 players from a previously named squad of 8. Junior teams only may be mixed but they must include at least 3 boys. No substitutions during play allowed except for injury. Villages **must** enter team NAMES prior to the draw otherwise they will be named A, B, C etc. Maximum number of team entries per age group is 3.

## FORMAT

- All age groups – preliminary round robin competition, semi final, final and 3rd & 4th play off.
- Final group positions will be decided on total points gained at the completion of all group matches.
- If all points are level, the positions will be decided on most goals scored, if still level then on least goals conceded.
- Top teams from each group will go through to the semi final stage of the competition.
- From this stage of the competition, in the event of a draw at the end of normal time, the result will be decided on:
  - JUNIORS – GOLDEN GOAL – 3 minutes extra time then if still a draw – PENALTIES.
  - SENIORS – GOLDEN GOAL – 5 minutes extra time of play and then penalties.
  - Round 1 of penalties –each player takes 1 penalty, round 2 of penalties – sudden death.

## DURATION OF PLAY

Juniors – 5 minutes of continuous play

Seniors – 7 minutes of continuous play

## SCORING

Non scoring loss	0 points
Scoring loss	1 point
Non scoring draw	2 points
Scoring draw	3 points
Win	4 points

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## *RULES*

- Only goal keepers are allowed in the goal area.
- In the senior age group Goal keepers must roll the ball underarm from within the goal area.
- In the junior age-group, goalkeepers can release the ball over or under-arm.
- The ball must be rolled underarm from a dead ball situation.
- The off side rule does not apply.
- A defender entering his own goal area will concede a penalty kick.
- Rule infringements will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
- Play will be started and restarted by a dropped ball.
- Other rules will be match officials interpretation of FIFA 11 a side rules.
- It is now permitted to play the ball above head height.

Referee's minimum age:

Junior games – 14yrs

Senior games – 18yrs

## *WARNING*

The referee's decision is final and he/she has the authority to dismiss players or abandon the game and award points accordingly should foul language, intimidation or violent conduct become apparent. Intimidation of officials will not be tolerated.

If brought to the attention of the referee that a player is in an unfit state to play football, we reserve the right to prevent a player from taking part.

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