



McDonald's LIONS' & LIONESSES' TOURNAMENT *at Woburn*



Woburn & Wavendon Super Sixes Tournament Rules

- 1) Before commencement of play, all teams must register at the Control tent by the required time set out in the acceptance document.
- 2) For the Lionesses tournament registration cut off times are 8.30am for morning games and 2.00pm for afternoon games, please note these are the latest times a team can be registered on the day. There will be a manager's briefing at 8.45am & 2.15pm.
- 3) For the Lions tournament registration cut off times are 8.15am for morning games and 2.30pm for afternoon games, please note these are the latest times a team can be registered on the day. There will be a manager's briefing at 8.30am & 2.45pm
- 4) All players must be of the age appropriate to the team in which they have been playing as at this past season of 2022/23 and must be registered to the club or be registered for the 2023/24 season.
- 5) Two guest players are allowed, per team. Guest players must have proof of DOB if requested.
- 6) No full academy players for Boys and no Girls signed to a FA Regional Talent Club (RTC) on the tournament date or having played for an academy / RTC during the 2022/23 season are permitted. Only players that were eligible to play for grass roots clubs within local leagues are permitted to play. The ethos of the tournament is to be a grassroots football tournament and as such is intended for grass roots players only.
- 7) On request by the tournament organisers, proof of age for all players in your squad must be produced. Local League squad sheets are a legitimate form of ID with date of birth on. Passport/Birth Certificate for Guest Players (Copies Accepted) if proof of age is required. Copy of Club Membership forms counter signed by the Club Secretary for players registering for the 2023/24 Season must be made available on request. Failure to provide proof of age/registration may result in the team forfeiting its fixtures or player/s being excluded.
- 8) The laws of the Football Association will apply. Please note the back-pass rule applies to **all age groups** in both tournaments.
- 9) There will be no offsides.
- 10) All opposition players must be 5 yards back from the ball for free kicks.

- 11) The penalty area stretches the full width of the pitch. Any foul committed in this area will result in a penalty.
- 12) Each playing team will consist of 6 players and up to 4 substitutes. (The U7, U8 and Wildcats age groups will be 7 a-side with maximum 3 substitutes). Players can only play for one team. For all age groups roll on/roll off substitutions will apply. Substitutions can only be made whilst the ball is out of play and with the referee's consent.
- 13) For Mixed U7, U8 and U9, and for Girls U8, U9 and U10 age groups, goal kicks will be taken from the edge of the penalty area and opposition players must retreat to the halfway line. For all other age groups, goal kicks will be taken from the rear goal line and players do not need to retreat to the halfway line.
- 14) For Mixed U7, U8 and U9, and for Girls U8, U9 and U10 age groups, goalkeepers can kick the ball from hands, for all other age groups, goalkeepers will only be allowed to throw the ball (**under arm only, this does not include a 'side' arm throw**) or place the ball on the floor and kick it (no bounce when kicking). Any infringement of this rule will result in an indirect free kick from the edge of the penalty area.
- 15) The first named team will supply the match ball and choose ends. The second team will kick off. In the event of a colour clash the first named team will change (**please bring bibs, just in case**).
- 16) Mixed U7 & U8 and Girls U8 & Wildcats age groups will play in non-competitive groups. All other age groups will play on a competitive basis. 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.
- 17) In the event of any team failing to fulfil a fixture or is not ready to start at the designated time, the result will be given to the opposing team as a 1-0 win.
- 18) Within the field of play the referee's decision is final. The tournament committee will not enter into discussion on any decision made by the referee.
- 19) Lionesses Tournament knockout stage: where there are two groups per age band, the top two teams in each group will qualify for the semi-finals, which will be played on a knockout basis. Where there are three groups per age band, the top team in each group will qualify for the semi-finals plus the best overall runner up for all three groups, which will then be played on a knockout basis.
- 20) Lions Tournament knockout stage: for all competitive age groups, each group will represent its own mini tournament. The team topping the group will progress to the final, with the team's finishing 2nd and 3rd place playing a 'play-off' match to progress to the final.
- 21) In the situation where the teams have the same number of points, goal difference will be considered. If still the same, the team scoring the greater number of goals will determine who qualifies for the knockout stages. If still the same, then their results against the other top 3 teams in their group will be considered. In the event of all the above being equal, a penalty shootout will take place as detailed in rule 23.
- 22) The duration of each game will be 12 minutes, straight play (no half time). The semi-finals will be 6 minutes each way, with no extra time. The finals will be 6 minutes each way and if required a straight 5 minutes of extra time.
- 23) If the semi-finals or finals result in a draw, each team will take 3 penalties (1 per nominated player), if the result is still a draw the remaining players will take penalties in a sudden death situation until there is a result. If the result is still a draw after all the players have taken penalties, players will continue to take penalties in the same order as before until there is a result. Penalties can only be taken by the players on the field at the end of the game. In the event of unequal teams i.e., one team has had a player sent off, or a player taken off injured and no substitute was available, the team that has the greater number of players can nominate one or more of their players to stand down from the taking of penalties.
- 24) A player receiving a red card, will take no further part in the tournament. A player receiving a yellow card caution will receive a one match ban, a player receiving a secondary caution in a subsequent match, will receive a 2-match ban, a third caution a 3-match ban etc.
- 25) The winning team must collect the result card from the referee at the end of the game and take it to the coordinator in the Referee Room. In the event of a draw, the first named team will be responsible for ensuring the result card reaches the Referee Room. The result card must be delivered to the Referee Room immediately after the game!
- 26) Any dispute will be decided by the tournament committee whose decision is final.
- 27) Any person who in the opinion of the tournament committee is seen displaying anti-social behaviour will be asked to leave the site. Failure to do so may result in the team that the said individual is connected with (in whatever capacity, managing, supporting etc.) being expelled from the competition. If this applies, no refund of any monies will be due.
- 28) Woburn & Wavendon FC reserves the right to change any rules if necessary.