

# Nutley FC Tournament 2025



## Competition Rules v1.0

Club:	Nutley FC (hereinafter referred to as NFC).
Competition:	Known as NFC Tournament 2025.
Date:	Sunday 22nd June 2025.
Venue:	Fords Green, Nutley, TN22 3LH.
Management Committee:	Consists of the tournament committee (hereinafter referred to as MC).
Rules:	A copy of these rules will be given out to each participating team and shall be binding in full.
Sanctioned:	The tournament will be sanctioned by the Sussex FA.
Participants:	Six-a-side. Maximum squad size of nine.
Age Groups:	All age groups relate to the 2024/25 playing season and all players must be eligible to play within the age group to which they registered.
Players:	Are only entitled to play for one team during the tournament, no transfers will be allowed. Players may not transfer between teams within the same club during the competition.
Entry Fee:	£45 per team.
Team Sheets:	Completed team sheets must be submitted in advance or handed in at Registration before commencement of matches; this should include all players' full names (first and last) and date of birth.
Laws of the game:	U9s and U10s will play by Mini Soccer Laws, and U12s by the Small Sided Laws. There is NO offside at any age. A goal cannot be scored from the kick-off.
Free-Kicks:	All free-kicks are DIRECT. Where an indirect free kick offence takes place against the attacking team within the defending team's penalty area, a direct free kick shall be awarded, with the kick being taken from the edge of the penalty area in line with where the offence was committed.
Goalkeepers:	Goalkeepers may not touch the ball with their hands after it has been deliberately kicked to them by a team-mate, or where they receive it directly from a throw-in taken by a team-mate. These three offences will be punished with a DIRECT free kick on the edge of the penalty area in line with where the offence was committed.
Goal Kicks:	U9s and U10s may take goal kicks from the front of the penalty area, U12s from the goal-line. U9s and U10s oppositions must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play.
Dead Ball Kicks:	All players must retreat 4.5 metres / 5 yards from all dead-ball situations (centres, corners and free kicks).
Match Duration:	10 minutes no half time.
Results/Tables:	Results will be registered at the Control Tent and league tables will be produced.
Reporting of results:	The winning side (or home side in the event of a draw) shall be responsible for reporting the result of the game to the Control Tent at the conclusion of each game. The Referee

	will hand the winning Manager a result slip as required.										
Points:	3 points for a win; 1 point for a draw – league positions decided in order by: (1) total points; (2) goal difference; (3) goals scored; (4) result between two sides and (5) by the tossing of a coin.										
Extra Time:	There will be NO extra time to ensure the timetable is maintained. All semifinals and finals that end in a draw will go straight to a penalty shoot-out. Added time is at the discretion of the referee.										
Penalty Shoot-Out:	Three penalties each team; then sudden death – penalty takers can be from the full squad (except those sent off) but no penalty taker may take a second penalty before everyone has taken one. Penalties alternate between opposing teams. In the event of a team having a player sent off, the opposition must nominate one of their own players who will not take a penalty.										
Substitutions:	All age groups may use 'Rolling Substitutions'.										
Kit:	Team named second are to change shirts or wear bibs where shirt clashes occur – referees will advise.										
Equipment:	All ages must wear appropriate footwear AND covered shin-guards. Keepers may wear tracksuit bottoms. No jewellery to be worn on the field of play.										
Pitch Size:	All pitches will be approximately 50 yards X 30 yards; with a penalty area and a penalty spot 6 metres from the goal-line.										
Ball:	U9s & U10s – Size 3. U12s – Size 4. <b>The named home team is responsible for providing the match ball.</b>										
Goals:	12' X 6' – safety anchored to the ground to avoid toppling forward.										
Forfeiting Match:	If any team is not ready to start their game at the prescribed time, at the referee's discretion the match can be awarded to the non-offending team with 3 points given.										
Discipline:	<p>U9s and U10s will follow the normal laws that apply to Association Football. In U12s a cautionable offence will result in a blue card and a timed suspension from the match of 2 minutes. The release of players from a temporary suspension is at the direction of the referee. For further more serious offences the table below applies.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Offence</th> <th>Penalty (to be administered during festival)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Receiving a second 'blue card' in the same match</td> <td>1 match suspension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity</td> <td>1 match suspension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures</td> <td>2 match suspension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attempting to kick or strike another player Violent conduct Serious foul play</td> <td>3 match suspension</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For red card offences not classified in the above table the player will be dismissed from the tournament and the offence will be reported to the County FA in line with the FA's disciplinary policy.</p>	Offence	Penalty (to be administered during festival)	Receiving a second 'blue card' in the same match	1 match suspension	Denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity	1 match suspension	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 match suspension	Attempting to kick or strike another player Violent conduct Serious foul play	3 match suspension
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Referee:	An appointed referee will be allocated for every game and their decision is absolutely final – please RESPECT them and the decisions made as these are in good faith and many have given up their time to make this a success. Please note that Nutley FC fully endorses and accommodates the RESPECT PROGRAMME.										

Appeals/Complaints:	Will be adjudicated by the MC whose decision will be final on all disputes whilst the MC shall have the power to deal with any contingency not provided in the rules above.
Parking:	Please note that without exception, all cars and motorcycles are to be parked in the designated parking areas as directed by parking stewards.
Medical conditions:	All coaches must have a copy of their players' medical conditions pitch side during the tournament.
First Aid:	<b>It is a requirement that all visiting teams will have coaching staff who are suitably first aid trained and will be in possession of a suitable first aid kit for use if required. Emergency first aid supplies will be available from the control tent if needed but NFC representatives will not provide first aiders to administer the same.</b>