



The Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland

Junior Section Competition 2017 5-a-side Football

General

Each Battalion will hold its own Heat with the winning team representing the Battalion in the Northern Ireland District Final in the Meadowbank Sports Arena, Magherafelt on Saturday 29 April 2017 at 2.00pm (Check-in 1.30pm). The entry fee will be £15 per team for the Final (it will be up to each Battalion to determine whether the entry fee is paid by the Company or the Battalion). The closing date for Battalion entries for the Final will be Monday 10 April 2017 and no late entries will be accepted. Further details regarding the Final will be sent to the competing teams.

Battalions are responsible for making all arrangements for their own competitions including venue, entry fees and referees. Battalions also have the flexibility to determine the length of games and the format of their competition eg round-robin / knockout.

All games are to be played in a sportsman-like manner. The referee's decision is final and must not be questioned by players, Officers or spectators.

Rules

1. A team will consist of a maximum of 7 boys (5 playing and 2 rolling subs) all from the same Company.
2. Players must wear proper kit and footwear, including shin pad (Kits advertising alcohol must not be worn).
3. A substitution may be made at any time. The referee must be made aware of all substitutions.
4. In the Final, Games will last 5 minutes (see above for Battalion Heats).
5. No one is allowed inside the semicircle deliberately except the goalkeeper and he is not allowed to handle outside the semi-circle.
 - i) If a defender interferes with play inside it will be a penalty to the attacking team.
 - ii) If an attacker goes inside the semicircle to interfere with play it will be an indirect free kick to the defending team.
 - iii) If the goal keeper handles outside the semicircle it will be an indirect free kick.
6. The ball may not be not played above what the referee considers head height. If it does it will be an indirect free kick to the opposition.
7. There will be no off-side.

8. The ball is allowed to be passed back to the goalkeeper.
9. A goal may be scored from any point outside the goal area and within the field of play.
10. The goalkeeper must return the ball into play by throwing it out of his area or a kick off the ground.
11. At free kicks the defending team must be at least two metres from the ball.
12. Apart from the above all laws of the game apply.

Points

1. In each game there will be three points for a win and one point for a draw.
2. The team with the highest points will qualify for the finals.
3. If there is a tie, the following order will decide the winner :-
 - Highest goal difference
 - Winner of match between the teams involved
 - Most goals scored
 - Least goals conceded