



1. Management Of The Competition

- The competition shall be called Unicorn Athletic JFC Summer Tournament.
- The competition will be held on 29th & 30th June 2024
- Officials shall be committee members, Club Coaches and FA qualified referees
- Any alterations to these Rules shall be made by the Officials.
- The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association.
- Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws for Small Side Football as laid down by The Football Association and the Unicorn Athletic JFC Tournament Game Rules.
- The Competition shall be sanctioned by the Cheshire County Football Association. The Competition, all teams and players, and other persons, shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of that Association.

2. Committee and Powers

The Committee has been appointed to organise the competition and have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the Tournament Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for by these Rules. The Committee shall also adjudicate in all cases of dispute, protest and complaint. Other Members shall be co-opted if required

3. Teams Eligible to Enter and Entry Fee

- The Competition shall be open to FA affiliated grass roots junior football clubs. No academies.
- The entry fee shall be £50 per team.
- The FA Whole Game System identification (including proof of a current DBS) is required for all coaches. This must be submitted as part of registration.
- Evidence of club personal injury insurance cover is required. This must be submitted as part of the booking process.
- Details of team coaches, including telephone number and email address is required for all coaches. This must be submitted as part of the booking process.
- A coach cannot be responsible for more than one team on tournament day.
- Teams must register with the Tournament organisers on the day and at least 15 minutes before the tournament begins.

4. Team Colours, Kit & Names

- All players must wear the same colour shirts (except GK). Bibs will be available if required.
- In the event of similar colours the second named Team shall change.
- Players shall be dressed in uniform shirts and shorts, but the goalkeepers shall wear colours which distinguish them from other players and referees.
- The goalkeepers may wear tracksuit bottoms.
- All players must wear shin guards and knee high socks.
- Footwear: Moulded boots or Astro turf trainers, no metal studs.
- No Team must enter this Competition in the name of an affiliated Team without the full knowledge and authority of that Team.



5. Players' Qualification

All players shall be bona fide members of their Club and may only play for one (1) team in the competition.

Age groups, numbers, match length & ball size will be as follows:

Age Group	School year groups	No. Players incl GK	No. subs	Min no players	Match (mins one way)	Size of ball
U6	1	5	3	5	10	3
U7	1 & 2	5	3	5	10	3
U8	2 & 3	5	3	5	10	3
U9	3 & 4	7	5	5	10	3
U10	4 & 5	7	5	5	10	4
U11	5 & 6	7	5	5	10	4

6. Arrangement of Competition

- All football matches will be played in conjunction with the laws of the game and FA rules.
- The Competition shall be played on a league basis (in the first stage) with the Teams divided by the Committee into groups.
- Each Team shall play each other team in its group once. 3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 for a draw.
- In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points the Team with the best goal difference shall take precedence.
- If the goal difference being equal then goal average shall take precedence.
- If goal average is equal then the Team scoring the most goals shall take precedence.
- A Knock-Out Competition consisting of quarter-final, semi-final and finals shall then take place between 8 teams being the top 2 teams from each group and the top two 3rd place teams.
- The Committee shall make the draw for the Knock-Out Competition.

7. Substitutes

- Unlimited substitutions are allowed as long as the referee is made aware of the changes.
- Substitutes must enter and leave the field of play at the referees discretion.
- Substitutions can only be made when play has stopped.

8. Borrowing Players

- Teams cannot borrow players from one another.
- If a team has the required minimum of 5 players, then the team must play with the minimum players or forfeit the game.
- If the game is forfeited a 5–0 win is awarded with both teams having it chalked down as game.



9. General Playing Rules

- Any player is allowed in the penalty area. An offence by a defending player in the penalty area will result in a penalty kick.
- Goalkeeper area rules are as in 11 a side.
- Goalkeepers cannot kick from hands.
- The back pass rule applies – a free kick shall be awarded to the attacking team - 2 yards outside the penalty area.
- A goal can be scored directly from any kick off.
- There are NO OFFSIDES.
- There are NO HEAD HEIGHT restrictions.
- For all other rules the laws of Association Football will apply.

10. Referees

FA qualified Referees shall be appointed by the Competition. The referee's decision is final.

11. Fouls & Misconduct

- The referee will deal with all fouls and misconduct which will be punished accordingly.
- Any free kick is direct and the defending team must retreat at least 5 yards from the ball (where possible).
- All misconducts will be dealt with in accordance with the agreed FA Procedures.

12. Discipline

All caution details are reported to the coordinator at the end of each game.

- Verbal Warning
- 1st offence, Yellow Card
- 2nd Yellow Card in a game = Red Card - player will play no further part in the game
- Straight Red Cards – Result in a 2 match suspension.

UAJFC reserves the right to prohibit any player, team or club from taking further part in competitions.

13. Reporting of Results

- Runners will collect the results from referees and report them to the Tournament Officials at the conclusion of each game.
- Referees will also keep note of the scores from all games and report them to the Tournament Officials at the conclusion of the league games.

14. Trophies

The following trophies will be awarded for each age group:

- Winners trophies
- Winners and runners up medals



15. Spectators

Spectators are to be supportive to their team and responsible for the way they engage with other supporters. We expect supporters to support in an inclusive manner, create a positive atmosphere and to never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

Spectators who are unable to adhere to this may be asked to leave with any dependents and/or reported.

16. Codes of Conduct

Our codes of conduct can be found at www.uajfc.co.uk/tournaments.

17. Protests and Complaints

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

18. Appeals

Any appeal against a decision of the Committee must be made in writing to the sanctioning Association in accordance with its Rules within fourteen (14) days of the posting of the decision of the Committee and accompanied by an appeal fee of £35.00.

19. Safeguarding

Club Personnel will be in attendance for the duration of the tournament. and can be contacted through the cafe or by telephone:

- Chris Barnes - Club Welfare Officer - 07521 863 778
- Jayne McLaren - Club Secretary - 07827 711 993
- Reice Carmichael - Club Chairman - 07796 917 215

20. Catering

There will be hot & cold drinks and food available for purchase on the day.

21. Copies of Rules

A copy of these Rules are available on the club web page (uajfc.co.uk) and are binding on the Clubs taking part.

21. Cancellation

Cancellation of a booking must be made in writing and sent to Unicorn Club Secretary at clubsecretary@uajfc.co.uk

Refunds are at the discretion of the UAJFC committee.

Bookings cancelled less than 4 weeks before the tournament date are automatically offered to another club free of charge.