

Taunton Youth FC & Taunton Town FC Tournament 2020

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Dates:	Saturday 9 th May: U10 & U12 Sunday 10 th May 2020 U11 & U13
Venue:	Taunton Town Cygnet Health Care Stadium, Wordsworth Drive, Taunton TA1 2HG
Entry:	£25 per team
Parking:	£2 per car with programme (additional programmes 50p)
Format:	6 a side (max 8 players per squad)

Taunton Youth FC & Taunton Town FC have formed a Tournament Committee for the purposes of this event. The Tournament Committee will be responsible for all arrangements in connection with the competition. The decision(s) of the Tournament Committee in applying any/all rules shall be final and binding on all teams taking part.

Pitches

Taunton Town's main grass pitch will be divided into four pitches of equal size.

Rules

1. Teams will comprise up to 8 players in a squad. Only one academy player from a professional club is allowed per squad.
2. Rolling substitutions will be used throughout the match. All team members should receive equal playing time. This will be for the team manager to monitor and manage.
3. Games will be 7 minutes of continuous play with no half times or switching ends.
4. All age groups will play with a size 4 ball. Each team is responsible for bringing a ball to play with and the team listed first in the programme schedule will provide the match ball for that game.
5. There is no offside rule.
6. The pass back law will apply according to FA age guidelines and where a keeper handles from a deliberate back pass an indirect free kick will be awarded.
7. Goalkeepers can only throw the ball out, the ball cannot be kicked from hands. Goalkeepers are allowed to leave the penalty area.
8. Referees will ensure the opposing team retreats to the half way line for goal kicks unless the defending team takes a goal kick early.
9. Play will be re-centred after a goal has been scored with the opposing team at least 5 metres from the ball.
10. On the request of the referee team managers will be required to substitute players displaying unacceptable behaviour.
11. Games can be played 5-a-side due injury if both teams agree on this format prior to kick off.
12. Deliberate time wasting will result in a warning in the first instance and then forfeit of the match, or subsequent matches, if continued.

Match Officials

In an effort to educate the children with regards to 'Fair Play', the referees will be encouraged to offer guidance on rules and attitudes. They will be responsible for all final decisions.

Team Manager

Every team must be accompanied by an adult over 18 years of age. The name, address, and date of birth of this adult must be printed clearly on their team's registration sheet. This adult will be deemed to be responsible for the behaviour of the players, on and off the field of play. They will be held responsible for the actions of their team within the Cygnet Healthcare Stadium and within all other facilities available to the team.

Age qualification dates are as for season 2019-2020

Prior to commencement of the tournament, a registration sheet will need to be completed by the team manager which shall contain the full name and date of birth of all squad members. Please ensure each player has a copy of identification (passport or birth certificate) available should an age or identity query be requested.

Format

A maximum of 16 teams will be allowed per age group. Teams will be divided into two groups who will play other teams in their group in a round robin basis. The top two teams from each group will progress to a semi-final. Semi-final losers will progress to a third place playoff. With the result of a knock out game being equal at the end of normal play then a penalty shootout will be used to decide which team will progress.

When two or more teams are equal on points at the end of the round robin stage, the following format will be used to decide final positions:

1. Highest goal difference (goals scored minus goal conceded).
2. Goals scored.

If any teams are still equal at this stage, a penalty shootout will be used to decide which team will progress.

Penalty Shoot Out

This will consist of 3 penalties each. If scores are still equal a "sudden death" phase will be used until a winner is reached.

Substitutes

There is no limit to substitutions - players can be substituted back on later in the game (rolling basis as previously stated).

Team Shirts

Every team must bring a second choice of strip or coloured bibs of contrasting colour. If, according to the referee, before the start of the match, the colours are too similar then the team first mentioned in the programme must change.

Discipline

When a player is sent from the field for foul play or dissent the tournament organiser will be notified immediately after the match by the match official. Any player who has been sent from the field is not eligible to play in the team's next two games.

If a team manager is asked to leave the field of play, that team will be disqualified from the tournament and will be asked to leave the stadium.

A team's matches will be rendered invalid in the following cases:

- If a team is late for a game without a valid reason.
- If a team uses an ineligible player.
- If the referee has to abandon a game due to misconduct of players, officials and/or supporters of that team.

Schedule

The committee has the right to alter the competition schedule should unforeseen circumstances occur.

Respect

The tournament will be organised and played according to the FA's Respect code of conduct.

Responsibility

Taunton Town Football Club Ltd's ground regulations and risk assessment criteria for visitors will apply.

It is the responsibility of each team to make sure that adequate insurance cover is provided for their players and coaches.

Taunton Youth FC Community Trust and Taunton Town Football Club Ltd will not accept responsibility for damage to, or loss or theft of possessions or equipment of participants, supporters, coaches or clubs – either inside the ground or within any of the designated parking areas.

Spectators

Spectators will need to respect the pitch side barriers and stay behind them. Only players, Team Managers, match officials and tournament representatives will be allowed on the pitch.

No alcohol is allowed pitch side.

No smoking is allowed pitch side, please use the designated smoking areas.

No dogs allowed.

If foul language is used by a spectator or team manager, a tournament or match official will provide one verbal warning. If the warning is disregarded, the offending person will be requested to leave the stadium.