



1. It is the aim of this Club to promote the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair play and to ensure the “spirit” of the game is not abused.
2. Any adult taking part in any activity organised by this club, or attending such an activity with the club as a guest of another, shall conduct himself or herself in an EXEMPLARY MANNER.
3. Adult behaviour must be of the highest standard to set the correct example to the players.
4. Players should expect advice, encouragement and support and not be embarrassed or humiliated by the adults watching them.
5. Adults should not shout, swear, argue, become violent or use sarcasm. Wherever possible players who require help should be assisted and given encouragement to overcome difficulties.
6. Adults should: -
  - a) Always look for aspects to praise rather than rebuke.
  - b) Praise good behaviour to show adults value it.
  - c) Praise effort and performance rather than simply achievement, most often in the case of a victory.
  - d) Emphasise the importance of involvement, winning second.
  - e) Display patience.
  - f) Ensure players have a clear understanding of the standard of behaviour expected.
  - g) Help players understand the rules; talk to them, not at them.
7. At all times, during the course of a game, the decisions made by the referee, qualified or unqualified, appointed to officiate will remain final. In many cases newly qualified referees, often young in years, are appointed to youth matches in order to gain experience and these officials, male or female, should be given encouragement and support.
8. Any parent/guardian or spectator (associated to a playing member) whose behaviour is considered to fall below the required standard may result in the membership of that player being suspended or cancelled.
9. The team manager/coach/team leader must deal with any complaint regarding the opposition, referee, spectators, or any other aspect of the game. If the matter is considered serious enough the club secretary will inform the appropriate authority. It is not acceptable for individuals to take the law into their own hands.
10. All parents/guardians and spectators shall abide by the rules of the Football Association and its constituent youth leagues.



## Ratton Rangers FC: - Tournament Rules 2019

1. **Name of Competition:** - Ratton Rangers F.C. Small Sided Tournament and Fun Day.
  2. **Organising Club:** - Ratton Rangers F.C.
  3. **Date of Competition:** - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
  4. **Venue of Competition:** - Ratton School, Park Lane, Eastbourne, BN21 2XR.
  5. **Competing Age Groups:** - Under 7, 9, 11, 13 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May;  
Under 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May.
  6. **Participating Clubs:** - Must be affiliated to either the Sussex County FA or the County FA in which they are based.
  7. **Entry fee:** - Shall be £40.00 per team.
  8. **Management Committee:** - Consists of Chairman of Ratton Rangers F/ Eastbourne United Youth F.C. plus two committee members.
  9. **Rules:** - A copy of these rules shall be given to all participating clubs, and shall be binding on all clubs taking part.
  10. **List of Players:** - Lists of players eligible to participate, together with their dates of birth, shall be given to the Management Committee before the start of the Tournament. Players can only play for one team during the Small Sided Tournament and Fun Day.
  11. **Number of Players:** - Each team shall consist of 6 players and 2 substitutes except the under 6's, 7's, 8's and 14's which will be 5 players and 3 substitutes.
  12. **Sanctioning:** - The competition shall be sanctioned by the Sussex County Football Association. The Competition, all teams and players and other persons, shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of that Association.
  13. **Competition:** - The early stages of the competition will be played on a league basis, and the latter stages will be knockout. League positions will be determined as follows:
    1. Points (3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw).
    2. Thereafter the team with the best goal difference.
    3. Thereafter the team scoring the most goals.
    4. Head to Head between tied teams.
- Under 6's, 7's and 8's competition shall be run as a "mini-soccer fun day" with no league published.
14. **Duration of Matches:** - Shall be 5 minutes each way (7 minutes in knockout stages). In the event of a draw in the knockout stages, extra time of 3 minutes each way shall be played. If still level penalty kicks shall be taken, 5 penalties each and then sudden death if required.
  15. **Substitutes:** - Substitutions can be made on a "rolling" basis at any time during play following notice to the referee.
  16. **Results:** - The referee shall report the result of each match to the Management Committee.



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17. **Protests & Complaints:** - Any concerning players or rule interpretation shall be referred to the Management Committee by a Club Official.
18. **Misconduct:** - A player sent off the field of play for misconduct or reported by the referee for misconduct before or after a match shall be dealt with by the management committee and excluded from 1,2 or 3 games, depending on the nature of the offence committed, in accordance with the Football Association Discipline Process for Small Sided Football. All cases of misconduct must be reported to the Sussex County F.A.
19. **Referee:** - The referee will be the sole arbiter on matters of dispute on the field. Referee's will be appointed in the Under 9's to Under 14's competitions, however in the Under 7's and 8's Fun day no referee's will be appointed, therefore the second named team in each match shall nominate a suitable referee for the match.
20. **Club Name:** - No teams may enter the competition in the name of an affiliated club, without the knowledge of that club.
21. **Trophies:** - Trophies will be awarded to the winners of age groups U9 to U14, with both winners and runners up receiving medals. Small trophies shall be awarded to all the participating players in the U7 and U8 fun day age groups.
22. **Playing Rules:** - 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. The following exceptions to the laws of the game of Association Football shall apply:-
  - (a) **Playing Area:** - Length: Maximum 140' Minimum 85' Width: Maximum 85' Minimum 55'. Centre Circle 3' radius. Goal Areas must be either an arc or a box, in accordance with the Mini Soccer Rules or the Small Sided Laws of the game. Penalty mark 20' from the centre of the goal. Goals to be of appropriate size (if portable they must be pinned or weighted to prevent them from toppling forward).
  - (b) **The Ball:** - Size 3 (Under 6, 7 and Under 8) Size 4 (Under 9 to Under 13)
  - (c) **Start of Play:** - The toss of a coin shall decide ends. Goals cannot be scored direct from a kick-off without another player touching the ball.
  - (d) **Offside:-** There shall be no offside.
  - (e) **Goal Kicks:** - Goal kicks shall be taken from anywhere along the goal line, with the opposing players outside the penalty area.
  - (f) **Goalkeepers:** - Goalkeepers must throw or roll the ball out from open play, it must touch another player before they can kick it.
24. **Appeals:** - Appeals against the decision of the Management Committee must be made to the Sussex County F.A. in accordance with rule 13. The Management Committee's decision shall be final in all disputes, and shall have the power to deal with any contingency not provided for in the forgoing rules. Ratton Rangers Football Club accept no responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to property, spectators or players, however caused at any time.