



Ormskirk West End FC

Annual Tournament 8th June 2025

Information and Rules



There will be a £2 programme/parking on the day, payable at the school entrance. Please inform everyone involved with your team of this charge and ask them to have this readily available to help avoid congestion on the main road outside the school. Please be aware while we do have plenty of parking spaces available the car park will be closed once full.

Teams must register at the tournament admin tent between 8.45am and 9.15am (under 7's, under 8's and under 11's) for the morning competition, and 2.15pm to 2.45pm (under 6's, under 9's, under 10's and under 12's) for the afternoon competition. Teams will not be permitted to play until they have confirmed their attendance and completed registration.

The Tournament will commence at 9.30am and 3pm. A short managers briefing will be held before the competition commences.

Hot food (Burgers, Hot Dogs), Snacks (Crisps Sweets etc) and Hot & Cold Drinks will be available on the day.

Address – Ormskirk School, Wigan Road, Ormskirk Sat Nav is L39 2AT



RULES

1. All players must be under the relevant age on 31st August 2025 for all age groups. Players signed for an Academy or Centre of Excellence with a Professional Club are **NOT** allowed to play in the Tournament. Any player reported to the committee breaking this rule will take no further part in the Tournament. If you are not sure of eligibility of a player, please check with the organisers before the day of the Tournament. Any team found to be breaking these rules may be disqualified from the Tournament.

2. A team will consist of 5 players for Under 6's and Under 7's, 7 players for Under 8's, 9's & U10's, and 9 players for Under 11's & 12's. If a player is sent off they cannot be replaced by a substitute. All players **MUST** wear full shin pads (no mini shin pads) - no one will be allowed to play without them.

3. All group games will be on a league basis, with 3pts awarded for a win and 1pt for a draw. In the event of a tie on points, the following process will be used to determine the outcome:

1. goal difference
2. number of goals scored.
3. result in the head to head game between the teams involved
4. Penalty shoot-out (for rules covering penalty shoot-out, refer to rule 11).

For the semi-finals the winners of Group A will play runners up in Group B and vice-versa.

4. Duration of the matches will be 10 minutes one way in the Group stages. In the event of any group being a team down (due to a team not attending) then the duration of the games in that group may be extended. Semi Finals will be

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12 minutes one way, and all finals will be 15 minutes one way. If the conditions on the day are very windy and offer an unfair advantage, the games MAY be changed, at the Tournament Committees discretion, to 2 equal halves with a straight turn around at Half time (with no half time break).

There will be a 5 minutes break between matches.

5. The manager of each team is responsible for their players, parents and supporters at all times. Any foul language or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Please encourage ALL parents to RESPECT the referees and the decisions they make.

- Portable BBQ's or Gas Stoves / Heaters are NOT permitted, as these pose a Health & Safety Risk.
- Alcohol will not be permitted on the school premises.

The organisers reserve the right to eject any person or team from the school premises if the rules are not adhered to.

6. Only managers, coaches (2 per team) and substitute players are permitted within the designated playing area. No officials, parents or supporters are allowed to stand behind the goals when the games are taking place. All teams must be ready to play 5 minutes before kick-off. Any team late for kick-off could forfeit the match, at the discretion of the tournament organisers. Matches will kick off as near as possible to the time stated in the fixture list.

7. FA rules shall apply based on the relevant age group for Mini Soccer and 9 v 9 Football. The only deviation from this is that Under 8s will be playing 7-a-side football and please note the following: -

Law 16 Goal Kick Procedure (applies to mini soccer) - A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area. Opponents must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play. The defending team does not have to wait for the opposition to retreat and has the option to restart the game before should they choose to. The ball is in play when it is kicked directly out the penalty area.

Law 12 Under 6, under 7 and under 8 Goalkeeper' may pick up a pass back – i.e. NO pass back rule.

Goalkeepers at Under 9 and above cannot pick up a back pass, in doing so a direct free kick on the edge of the area, directly in line where ball was picked up, should be awarded.

All free kicks are direct, and the opposition must be at least 5yds away.

8. The referee's decision is final. Fair Play must be observed at all times - Managers & Players must not try to influence the officials.

9. A player will only be allowed to play for one team in the tournament. Substitutions (roll-on, roll-off) can only be made during a stoppage in play, with the permission of the referee.

10. Any player who is sent off for a footballing offence will miss the next game. A player who is sent off for violent / abusive / offensive behaviour will be disqualified from taking further part in the competition.

11. Drawn Semi-finals and Finals will be decided by 5 minutes extra time and then, if necessary, by penalties. 5 nominated penalty takers from each team will take a penalty in turn. If after 5 penalties the score remains level then sudden-death penalties will be taken until a winner is determined. A player will be allowed to take one penalty only. Only players and Managers of the 2 teams involved will be allowed on the pitch during the shoot-out, and shall remain on, or behind, the half way line.

12. In the event of a colour clash, the team named second on the fixture sheet shall either change shirts or wear bibs. All teams should bring their own set of bibs to wear in the event of a colour clash.

NB Any matter not covered within these rules will be at the discretion of the referee involved at that particular time, and/or the tournament committee.

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