



Rules and Conditions

Conditions of Entry

WLIFF is officially sanctioned by The Football Association, UEFA and FIFA. Participation is open to teams of all abilities who are affiliated to their local/national association. The tournament committee reserve the right to exclude teams that do not comply with the conditions of entry.

The tournament recognises international associations whose registration date commences 1st January and teams may apply for dispensation.

Medical Support

Free on-site medical and first aid support is provided for the full duration of the festival.

Referees

All referees are registered with the Football Association

Three officials will be used for all 11-a-side semi-final and final matches and wherever else possible in the competition.

The Rules

Name of Tournament:

The Watford & London International Festival of Football.

Tournament Organisers:

Travel and Play Ltd.
Bay Tree House
7 Hills Road
Buckhurst Hill
Essex IG9 5RS

1. Management of the Tournament:

The Tournament shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association. Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as settled by the International Football Association Board. It will take place from 26th – 29th July 2007.

2. Eligible Clubs and Entry Fee:

The Tournament shall be open to all Affiliated Clubs that have the approval of their County/National Association. Each Club in the 11-a-side competition shall consist of a maximum of 18 Persons, each club in the 6-a-side competition shall consist of a maximum of 12 persons. The entry fee will be determined on the length of each Age Group (i.e. 1 Day, 2 Days, 3 Days or 4 Days) and the number of games to be played.

3. Management Committee & Powers:

The Management Committee shall have the power to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the

Tournament and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Tournament, including any not provided for by the Rules.

The Management Committee shall adjudicate in all cases of dispute, or complaint.

4. Player's Qualifications:

The Age qualification date will be: 31st August

Before taking part each Club shall produce a list of players eligible to participate together with their dates of birth and during the Tournament shall have photographic documentary proof available in case of protest.

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All players shall be bona fide Members of their Club and shall play for one team only for the full duration of the tournament.

5. Colours:

Players must be dressed in uniform shirts and shorts but the goalkeeper's dress must distinguish him from the other players and the Match Officials.

Each Club shall register its first and second choice colours at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the Tournament.

In the event of a clash of colours the second named Club (in the draw) shall change.

6. Arrangement of Tournament:

The Tournament will be played on a League basis in the first stage with the Clubs being divided into Groups (the number of teams in each group will be dependant on the number of teams entering).

Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a draw.

In the event of a team withdrawing from the tournament or failing to arrive on time for a scheduled game a 2-0 result will be awarded to the opposing team.

In the event of any Clubs being level on points for any place in a Group the final position shall be decided by:

- a. Goal Difference.
- b. Number of Goals Scored.
- c. The result of the match between the two Clubs.
- d. By the taking of kicks from a penalty mark.

The Knockout competition shall comprise of Clubs finishing within the Second or Fourth highest places in their Leagues dependant on the number of teams in a Group in each Age Group.

7. Duration of Matches:

The duration of matches will be dependant on the Age of each Group and the period over which Age Group will be played. All Teams will be notified prior to the start of the Tournament the duration of their matches.

The duration of the half-time interval shall be 5 minutes.

In the event of a draw in the knockout competition extra time will be played of which the length of Extra Time will be commensurate with the duration laid down in Rule 7 Para 1.

If, after extra time has been played in any match and the scores are still level, the match shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as follows:

Procedure:

- The Referee chooses the goal at which the kicks shall be taken.
- The Referee tosses a coin and the team whose captain wins the toss take the first kick.
- The Referee keeps a record of the kicks being taken.
- Subject to the conditions explained below both teams take five kicks.
- If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken.
- If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.
- A goal keeper who is injured while kicks are being taken from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as a goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute provided his team has not used the maximum number of substitutes permitted under the Competition Rules.
- With the exception of the foregoing case, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which includes extra time where appropriate, are allowed to take kicks from the penalty mark.
- Each kick is taken by a different player, and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick.
- An eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper at any time when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.
- All players, except the player taking the kick and the two goalkeepers, must remain within the centre circle.
- The goalkeeper who is a team mate of the kicker must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area boundary line.
- Unless otherwise stated, the Laws of the Games, and the International F.A. Board Decisions apply when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

8. Wet Weather Disclaimer:

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Festival Management Committee reserve the right to make any changes necessary to the programme or match times in order to complete the Festival. The ultimate decision as to the fitness of the fields is down to the Authorities to which they belong and not to the Management Committee. As such they have to abide by any decisions, which may be made.

9. Substitutions:

A Club where players are under the age of 16 may at its discretion use five substitutes at any time in a match, except to replace a player who has been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for misconduct after play has commenced. A player who has been substituted during the match himself becomes a substitute and may, in turn replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law3 of the Laws of Association Football. All other Age Groups may at their discretion name five substitutes and use three in any game.

10. Reporting Results:

The match referee shall be responsible for notifying the Tournament Controller of the result of each match at its conclusion.

11. Match Officials:

Registered Referees and Assistant Referees shall be appointed by the Tournament Controller, Referees Co-ordinator / Youth Referees Co-ordinator.

A suitable memento will be given in lieu of a fee and all meals and drinks will be provided.

12. Protests and Complaints:

All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the Management Committee, but no objection relative to the dimensions of the pitch or other appurtenances shall be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the match referee before the commencement of the match.

All protests and complaints relative to a particular match in the Tournament shall be made in writing to the Tournament Controller within thirty (30) minutes of the conclusion of the match. Any club who are found to have played an ineligible player(s) will be disqualified from the competition.

All decisions of the Management Committee shall be final and binding on all concerned.

No complaint in relation to decisions taken by a referee in a match shall be entertained.

All protests and complaints shall be dealt with by a Sub-Committee of the Management Committee and will comprise of at least three (3) Members who shall include the Tournament Controller as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

13. Trophies:

The Winners of each age group, except the Pro Youth Section, shall receive a Cup (which they shall keep) and up to 18 Winners Medals.

The Runners-Up will also receive up to 18 Medals.

14. Rules Binding:

The Rules of the Tournament are binding on the Clubs taking part.

15. Misconduct:

A player who is sent off the field off the field of play (Red Card) shall be suspended for **at least ONE** match in the Tournament depending on the severity of the offence and subject to further punishment by the Management Committee who will review all Dismissals. The Sub-Committee mentioned in Rule 11 will deal with these cases.

A player who receives two cautions (Yellow Cards) in the Tournament shall be Suspended for One match.

All cases of misconduct on the field of play will be reported by the Referee to the Management Committee and to the appropriate County/ National Association.

Any misconduct by a player, before or after a match, or by an official before, or after a match, shall be reported to the Management Committee and to the appropriate County/ National Association. The Management Committee shall be entitled to take appropriate disciplinary action.

16. Costs:

The Management Committee will be responsible for the payment of the following Costs and Insurance:

- Hire of Grounds.
- Match Officials Costs.
- Trophies and Medals.
- Public Liability Insurance.

Each Team taking part must bear all its costs of travelling, accommodation (where appropriate) and subsistence. Each team must also make the necessary arrangements, at its own expense, for the Insurance of its Members, officials, players and equipment.

17. Late Kick-offs / Non Appearance:

Teams not ready to play at the scheduled time will be fined £30.00 (Sterling).

Teams who do not attend on any given day will be fined £50.00 (Sterling).

In the event of the non-attendance or suspension from the Tournament of a team and where such suspension or non-attendance affects the final placing of a group, the Management Committee shall reserve the right to make a ruling affecting the said group and placing.

Fines levied for late starts or non-attendance must be paid in full by the team concerned before they are allowed to continue in the Tournament.

Non-payment will result in the suspension from the Tournament and a report being sent to their County/National Association.

18. Cancellation of Registration:

The Festival Organisers reserve the right to cancel the registration of any player or team in the Tournament and take whatever action they deem necessary to ensure the correct running of the event.