

ACE FIVE A SIDE SPRING SOCCER

RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

Rules for the competition will be the same as for those in U8/9 SSG and The Laws of The Game, except for the following:

- NO PLAYER IS PERMITTED TO PLAY WITHOUT FIRST BEING REGISTERED.
- SHIN PADS MUST BE WORN IN ALL AGE GROUPS
- Field sizes will be approximately 25m x 35m with a 5m x 12m Goal Area.
- Playing time 20 minute halves with 3 minute half time break for ages 6 to 10
- Playing time 25 minute halves with 5 minute half time break for ages 11 to OVER 35
- Games will commence and end with the referees whistle.
- All free kicks will be indirect except for fouls normally punished by a direct free kick (within the FIFA Laws of the Game) that occur inside the penalty area, which will be taken as a penalty, 8m from the goal line. All players except the goalkeeper from the defending team will be behind the line of the ball when the kick is taken.
- Throw ins will be taken as normal from the hands. Incorrect throws will be Penalised.
- Goals kick must be taken with the ball stationary and on the ground inside the goal areas.
- The goal keeper may deliver the ball into play from a 'save' by either throwing, or kicking the ball from their hands or from the ground. If the keeper places the ball on the ground then it may be attacked by the opposition except from a goal kick.
- Corners must be taken from within 1m of the corner of the field.
- SUBSTITUTES – A team may borrow a maximum of 2 players for any one game. These players must be eligible to play in the respective group and must be registered. Teams with 7 or more players may not borrow, teams with borrowed players may have no more than 7, for example, teams of 6 players may only borrow 1 additional player, teams of 5 players may borrow 2. Teams of 4 players are still only permitted to borrow 2 players. Substitutes may be made at any time and are unlimited. The player being substituted must have left the field of play before the new player is allowed to enter.
- Off side: There is no off side.
- OPEN SENIORS & OVER 35's
 - Slide tackles are not permitted, and player will be issued a yellow card for the first slide tackle and a red send off, for the second. Players who are shown a red card for a slide tackle will not be able to participate in the remainder of the game. A review will be held as to what other sanctions are taken on any player receiving a red for slide tackling, and the offender will be notified of the outcome. (I am sure that everyone appreciates the importance of this rule and will respect its implementation). Playing the ball from the ground is also not permitted. Any player who plays the ball whilst any part of their body other than their feet is touching the ground, e.g. knee or hand, will be deemed to have played the ball from the ground. Playing the ball from the ground will result in an indirect free kick being awarded to the opposing team.
- Over 35's are permitted one player under the age of 35.
- Points will be allocated as below:
 - Win 3 points
 - Draw 1 point
 - Loss 0 points
 - Bye 1 point