



SKEM ATHLETIC GIRLS NATIONAL NSPCC TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All players must be under the relevant age in all age groups.
2. Number of players in each match: 7-a-side for under 10s, nine a side for under 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s and under 16-18s. Registering players: Each team are allowed to register 14 players (for under 10s) and 16 players for all other age groups (these numbers include all subs). Substitutions may be made at any stage in the game with a maximum of three subs per game to be used in a roll on roll off basis. The referee must be notified before the substitution can be made and only made when the ball is out of play. If players are sent off they may not be replaced by a substitute.
3. All games shall be on a 9-a-side league basis with 3 points for a win, 2 points for a score draw, 1 point for a no score draw. Each game will consist of two 9 minute halves* with straight turnrounds at half time. The number of points will decide the semis and final.
Should one or more teams have the same number of points for first or second positions; goal difference will be taken into account, then goals scored, then the result against the team on the same points. If a draw occurs in the K.O. stages of any of the competitions the game shall go to 3 minutes extra each way, then penalties best of five, then sudden death. There will be one trophy awarded to each winning team in their age group and medals presented for the winners and medals only for the runners up.
4. The manager of each team is responsible for their players and supporters at all times. Any foul language or abusive behaviour will NOT be tolerated. Alcohol will not be allowed in the ground.
5. Only the Manager, Managers assistant and players will be allowed in the playing area. The Manager should have his team ready in the waiting area three minutes before the team is due to play. Matches will kick off as near as possible to the time on the fixture list. Any team failing to be ready to kick off will forfeit the match.
6. All rules of normal 9-a-side will apply. There will be no offside. Goalies cannot pick up back passes. All goal kicks except under 11s must use the 6 yard box, under 10s and 11s must use the edge of the 18 yard box.
7. Referees will be appointed for each game and their decisions will be final (both managers sign the referees card at the end of each game). Each home team captain is responsible for taking that games score card to the fixture/results desk after both team managers and referee have signed the card. That games final score must be clearly marked on the card by the referee before each manager signs.
8. A player will only be allowed to play for one team in the tournament. F.A. rules state: that a child can only play a maximum of 100 minutes on the same day.
9. A player who is cautioned twice will miss the next game. A player who is sent off will not be allowed to take any further part in the tournament, if deemed appropriate to do so by the referee.
10. Any objections to the rules should be made in writing, to the Organising Committee before the day of the tournament.
11. Semi Finals and Finals will be 9 minutes each way for all age groups, in the event of a draw, then 4 minutes extra time, one way (toss of a coin to decide which way a team plays), then penalties, best of five, then sudden death.
12. Medals will be given to finalists of each age group.
13. Overall winners of each age group win a team trophy and each individual player a medal.
14. Runners up win medals only.
15. All team managers must bring proof of age and id (preferably league registration cards) or if not registered a birth certificate & photo or passport for each of their players as pplayers questioned with no photo id will not be eligible to play.
16. All players must be the relevant age on 31st august for all age groups.
17. For further information please telephone our head office / tournament organiser/s.
18. One lines man will be required from each team for each game.
19. No spectators are allowed on the pitch at anytime while a game is in progress.
20. All games will be played on 60 x 80yds approx pitches, using 21' x 7' goals and nets.
21. For health and safety reasons, there will be toilet facilities available.
22. All teams to register at between 9.00am - 9.30am, with kick off comencing at 10.00am on the day.*
23. Fixtures will be given to each manager on the day and will also be printed in full within the tournament programme on the day.*

*(Subject to change at the discretion of the tournament organisers)

***Please note:** The entrants fee of £50 cannot be refundable if a team drops out of the competition.