

WHEATLEY WANDERERS JFC
U7's (2016/17), U7's, U8's & U9's TOURNAMENT RULES

The U7's teams will be 5 a side. The U8's & U9's teams will be 7 a side. All players must wear shin pads and be of the correct age group as of Season 2015/2016. The U7's 2016/17 is for this year's development squads starting in the U7 2016/17 season. Maximum squad sizes are as per DDJSFL rules, 10 players per U7 & U8, 14 players as per U9.

Players can only play for one team throughout the tournament. Any team found using a player who has played for another team will have their points deducted and a 3-0 win awarded to the opponents. Subs will be roll on roll off, but only when there is a break in play and have the referee's permission. No time wasting please!

All matches will be 10 minutes one way, except U9's which will be 12 minutes one way. A coin toss will decide the direction of play and who kicks offs. If for adverse weather conditions giving an advantage to one team then the play will be split into two equal half's, swapping ends at each half. It is reminded that the day is of enjoyment and giving a chance for all players to participate in the team. The maximum playing time for U7, U8 is 40 minutes and 50 minutes for U9.

U7's 2016/17 will play development games only. Teams will be split into two groups and then split into two groups each made up of 4 teams. Groups will be split in order for teams to play each other in a development capacity and decided by the tournament director. All players will receive a tournament medal.

The U7's and U8's will play two group stage leagues, followed by the two National Cup leagues each made up of 4 teams. The 1st and 2nd placed teams from each of the group stage leagues will progress into the World Cup Group. The 3rd and 4th placed teams will play in the European Cup group. All players will receive a tournament medal, winners of the National Cups will receive a trophy.

The U9's will play two group stage leagues, followed by the two National Cup leagues each made up of 5 teams. The 1st and 2nd placed teams from each of the group stage leagues will progress into the World Cup Group along with the highest points scoring team over the two groups. The remaining teams will play in the European Cup group. All players will receive a tournament medal, winners of the National Cups will receive a trophy.

Points awarded are: 3pts a win and 1pt for a draw. Team's level on points will be decided firstly by goal difference, then by goals scored, then by number of wins, then by head to head result. If teams are still level then a penalty shoot-out will take place to decide the highest ranked team. A series of five kicks from the penalty spot shall be taken by each team against the opponent's goalkeeper with the teams taking alternate kicks. FA Rules for penalty kicks shall apply and the Referee shall decide which goal is to be used. Should each team score the same number of goals in this series of kicks from the penalty spot then sudden death shall apply. If a team fails to attend its fixture then the result will be awarded to the opposing team by a score of 2-0 and 3 points.

Normal small sided mini soccer rules will apply to all games as per DDJSFL rules.

Players receiving a yellow card will miss the next game. Players receiving a red card will not be allowed to participate any further in the tournament.

The referee's decision is final on the field of play; please remember the code of conduct for managers, players and spectators, which should be adhered to for the whole tournament.

The management reserves the right to change order of play and format depending on attending teams. Management decisions are final and irreversible.