



STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

YFC Centre, County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD

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STAFFORDSHIRE YFC MALE & FEMALE 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

- VENUE:** Powerleague, Trentham Lakes, Stoke on Trent, Staffs, ST4 4TN
- DATE:** **Sunday 6th October 2024**
- TIME:** All Teams to arrive at 11am for booking in and captains briefing
(The day is expected to finish at around 4pm)
- TEAMS ENTERED:**
- Male League:** Ashley, Chase, Cheadle A, Cheadle B, Eccleshall, Leek, Stone, Uttoxeter, Waterhouses
- Female League:** Ashley, Chase, Eccleshall & Leek
- UMPIRES:** Supplied by Powerleague, Stoke
- STEWARDS:** Molly Sammons & Harry Butson
- RULES:** See pages 2. Note: age restrictions do apply.
- COSTS:** Approx £70 TBC per team will be invoiced to all Club Treasurers prior to the competition for payment.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ Members must be a confirmed member on the online system no later than Wednesday 2nd October 2024
- ❖ Members taking part must be able to access their current digital membership card (2024/2025)
- ❖ Any members aged 16-17 years must have a completed parental permission via JotForm no later than 12noon Wednesday 2nd October 2024
<https://form.jotform.com/242482516219356>
- ❖ Any club who withdraws within 7 days of the competition will receive a £15 fine and -6 points



Public Health/Infection Control Responsibility:

- ❖ Please do not attend/take part if feeling unwell
- ❖ Current government guidance must be followed at all times (this may change from the above)

Emergency Contact details on the day are Harry Butson 07385 511121 or Molly Sammons 07999 886408



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Male & Female 5 a side Football 1 day Tournament - Sunday 6th October 2024. To note that the Male Tournament will act as a qualifier for NFYFC Competition and winning team will go forward to WMA round – details TBC – please read NFYFC Rules. Teams should consist of a maximum of seven players. All players must be aged between 16 and 28 years of age on 01/09/2024. Players are only eligible to play for one team in the competition. WMA Final – Details TBC.

5 a side Football Tournament Rules

1. Tournament matches will be played straight through without a break, the duration of the game will be determined prior to the start of the tournament.
2. Only 5 players will be permitted on the pitch at any one time, one of whom will be the goalkeeper.
3. Any team found with unregistered or suspended players on the field will have the match awarded against them by a score of 6-0
4. Up to 7 team players only may be named for a match, who must be available for inspection by the referee prior to the match starting. Players may only play for one team during the event. Any players found playing for more than one team shall be disqualified.
5. Players must be attired in proper strips and footwear including shin pads. Jewellery must be removed or taped up.
6. The entire team must be behind the ball at kick off.
7. The game will begin with one team taking the kick off from the centre, decided by the toss of a coin. A centre kick may be played in any direction and a goal may be scored direct from the centre.
8. Only the defending keeper is allowed to play the ball inside the area.
9. A goal may be scored from any point outside the goal area and within the field of play.
10. The goalkeeper must return the ball into play by rolling it out of his area with an under arm bowling action. A keeper failing to do this will be penalised with an indirect kick being awarded against him 2M outside the area.
11. The ball may not be returned to the goalkeeper until at least 2 other players have touched it. An indirect free kick will be awarded against the goalkeeper 2M outside the area where a defender returns the ball directly back to him.
12. A keeper who deliberately leaves the area in an attempt to gain an advantage, or plays the ball outside the area under any circumstance, will be penalised with the awarding of a penalty against him.
13. A defender who enters the area attempting to gain an advantage, or who plays the ball when the ball is in the area, will be penalised by the awarding of a penalty.
14. Teams may not change their keeper more than once during a match and must gain the referees permission to do so.
15. Two substitutes per team are allowed and can be used as often as required. All substitutions must first be authorised by the referee and only made when the ball is out of play.
16. If any team is reduced to 3 players due to misconduct, the game will be awarded to their opponents with a score of 6-0, or the result at the time the game ended should the goal difference be greater.
17. The ball may not be played above head height. Head height is 6ft, and where the ball clearly travels over 6ft.
18. The ball will remain in play if after rebounding off the keeper, posts, crossbar or kick boards, or when the ball inadvertently goes above head height.
19. The award of an indirect free kick will be given for the following offences:
 - a. ball played over head height
 - b. goal keeper not returning the ball underarm
 - c. obstructing an opponent
 - d. heading the ball
 - e. Player returning the ball directly back to the keeper after receiving the ball from him.
20. A player who commits any of the following offences will have a direct free kick awarded against him:
 - a. charges an opponent
 - b. body checks or slide tackles
 - c. holding the fences
 - d. any contact by a defending player towards an attacking player whilst in the corners of the pitch
21. A player may not stand closer than 2M from the ball when defending a free kick. Contravention of this rule will result in the kick being taken again from the place where the defending player stood at the time the kick was taken. Free kicks must be taken 2M from the boards / goal area.
22. Penalty kicks will be taken with a one step rule.
23. Teams must have a minimum of 3 registered players adjacent to the pitch 5 mins before scheduled kick off time.
24. Violent conduct on or off the pitch will result in immediate suspension of the individual concerned for the duration of the game. Lucozade Powerleague reserve the right to ban any individual or whole team from all future participation in leagues or tournaments.
25. Persistent contravention of the rules in the first instance will result in a player spending a period of 2 mins (3 mins for tournaments) in the sin bin (POWER PLAY). For any further offences a player will be subject to a formal caution (yellow or red card if deemed necessary). Any bookings made will be submitted to the FA by the referee.
26. When the ball is played into the corners of the pitch, the player who retrieves the ball will be allowed to take the ball out unhindered by the opposition. A defending player who makes contact with the ball player will have a direct free kick awarded against him. The ball player will have no more than 5 seconds to bring the ball back into play. NB Referee's have been instructed to allow only minimum contact on all other areas of the kick boards.
27. In addition to the above rules, all players may be subject to the Staffordshire YFC policy on Personal Behaviour if their conduct is deemed to be unsatisfactory by the referee and/or stewards on the day.