



## JARVIS BROOK FOOTBALL CLUB FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2026 Competition Rules

<b>Club:</b>	Jarvis Brook Football Club (hereinafter referred to as JBFC).
<b>Competition:</b>	Known as JBFC Football Tournament 2026, sanctioned by the Sussex County FA.
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2026.
<b>Venue:</b>	Limekiln Playing Fields, Palesgate Lane, Crowborough, TN6 3HG
<b>Management Committee:</b>	Consists of tournament Management Committee (hereinafter referred to as MC).
<b>Rules:</b>	A copy of these rules will be provided to each participating team and shall be binding in full.
<b>Format:</b>	6 a side. All teams are permitted to bring squads of up to 10 players.
<b>Age Groups:</b>	All age groups relate to the 2025/2026 playing season and all players must be eligible to play within the age group to which they registered.
<b>Players:</b>	Are only entitled to play for one team during the tournament, no transfers will be allowed. Players may not transfer between teams within the same club during the competition.
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	£50 per team.
<b>Laws of the game:</b>	U7s to U10s age groups will play by Mini Soccer Laws and U11s to U14's by the Small Sided Laws. There is NO offside at any age. A goal cannot be scored from the kick-off.
<b>Free-Kicks:</b>	All free-kicks are DIRECT. Where an indirect free kick offence takes place against the attacking team within the defending team's penalty area, a direct free kick shall be awarded, with the kick being taken from the edge of the penalty area in line with where the offence was committed.
<b>Goalkeepers:</b>	A goalkeeper may not drop kick the ball from goal kicks, the ball must be rolled or thrown out. The back pass rule also applies
<b>Goal Kicks:</b>	U7s and U8s may take goal kicks from the front of the penalty area, all other ages from the goal-line. The opposition <u>must retreat</u> to their own half until the ball is in play. The retreat rule applies to U7 to U10 age groups.
<b>Dead Ball Kicks:</b>	All players must retreat 4.5 metres / 5 yards from all dead-ball situations (centres, corners and free kicks).
<b>Match Duration:</b>	All fixtures will be 10 minutes with no half time interval up to and including semi-finals where there are six teams in a division. If there are less than 6 teams in a division, game times shall be adjusted accordingly. <u>All finals will be 7 minutes each way.</u>
	The MC reserve the right to amend divisions and to reschedule fixtures/match durations in the event that a team or teams drop out of the competition which necessitates such amendments. Any such changes will be made with a view to ensuring that participating teams receive a sufficient amount of playing time.
<b>Results/Tables:</b>	Will be registered by the Control Tent and displayed on the Tournify app.
<b>Reporting of results:</b>	The winning side (or home side in the event of a draw) shall be responsible for reporting the result of the game to the Control Tent at the conclusion of each game. The Referee will hand the winning Manager a result slip as required.

<b>Points:</b>	3 points for a win; 1 point for a draw – league positions decided in order by: (1) total points; (2) goal difference; (3) goals scored; (4) result between two sides and (5) penalty shoot-out between the sides.
<b>Extra Time:</b>	There will be <u>NO</u> extra time to ensure timetable is maintained. All semi-finals and finals that end in a draw will go straight to a penalty shoot-out. Added time is at the discretion of the referee.
<b>Penalty Shoot-Out:</b>	3 penalties each team; then sudden death – penalty takers can be from the full squad (except those sent off) but no penalty taker may take a second penalty before everyone has taken one. Penalties alternate between opposing teams. In the event of a team having a player sent off, the opposition must nominate one of their own players who will not take a penalty.
<b>Trophies:</b>	<p><b>All age groups – Trophy Competition</b></p> <p><u>Where there is 1 Division in an age group</u> - the teams finishing in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will progress to the semi-finals (1st v 4th, 2nd v 3rd). The winners of the final will receive a trophy, and each player from both the winning and runner-up teams will be awarded a medal.</p> <p><u>Where there are 2 Divisions in an age group</u> - the teams finishing 1st and 2nd from each will progress to the semi-finals (Winner division 1 v Runner Up Division 2, Runner Up Division 1 v Winner Division 2). The winners of the final will receive a trophy, and each player from both the winning and runner-up teams will be awarded a medal.</p> <p><u>Where there are 3 Divisions in an age group</u> - the winners of each division together with best 2nd placed team will progress to the semi-finals (Winners Division 1 v Best 2nd place; Winners Division 2 v Winners Division 3). The winners of the final will receive a trophy, and each player from both the winning and runner-up teams will be awarded a medal.</p> <p><u>Where there are 4 Divisions in an age group</u> – the winners of each division will progress to the semi-finals. (Winners Division 1 v Winners Division 4 and Winners Division 2 v Winners Division). The winners of the final will receive a trophy, and each player from both the winning and runner-up teams will be awarded a medal.</p>
	<p><b>All age groups - Plate Competition</b></p> <p><u>Where there is 1 Division in an age group</u>: there will be no "Plate" competition.</p> <p><u>Where there are 2 Divisions in an age group</u>: the teams that finish 3rd and 4th in each division will compete for a "plate" trophy. The semi-finals will consist of the 3rd place team from Division 1 facing the 4th place team from Division 2, and the 4th place team from Division 1 facing the 3rd place team from Division 2. The winners of the final will receive a plate, and each player from the winning team will be awarded a medal.</p> <p><u>Where there are 3 Divisions in an age group</u>: the second and third best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams, along with the first and second best 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams, will compete for a "plate" trophy. The semi-finals will feature the second best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team v the second best 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team, and the third best 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team v the first best 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team. The winners of the final will receive a "plate", and each player from the winning team will be awarded a medal.</p> <p><u>Where there are 4 Divisions in an age group</u>: the teams that finish in 2nd place in each division will advance to the semi-finals of the "plate" competition. The semi-finals will feature the 2nd place team from Division 1 against the 2nd place team from Division 4, and the 2nd place team from Division 2 against the 2nd place team from Division 3. The winners of the final will receive a plate, and each player from the winning team will be awarded a medal.</p>
<b>Substitutions:</b>	All age groups may use 'Rolling Substitutions'.
<b>Kit:</b>	Team named second are to change shirt or wear bibs where shirt clashes occur – referees will advise.
<b>Equipment:</b>	All ages must wear appropriate footwear AND covered shin guards. Keepers may wear tracksuit bottoms. No jewellery to be worn on the field of play.
<b>Pitch Size:</b>	All pitches will be of appropriate dimensions for each age group, at a maximum of 50 yards by 30 yards, with a penalty area and spot marked out.

<b>Ball:</b>	U7s-U9s – Size 3; U10-U14s – Size 4. <b>The named home team are responsible for providing the match ball</b>
<b>Goals:</b>	12' X 6' mini soccer goals for U7-U12 and 16' x 7' youth goals for U13-U14 safely anchored
<b>Forfeiting Match:</b>	If any team is not ready to start their game at the prescribed time, at the referee's discretion the match can be awarded to the non-offending team with 3 points given.
<b>Discipline:</b>	All age groups will follow the normal rules of association football for their respective ages. The following disciplinary measures will be implemented:

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Penalty</b> (to be administered during festival)
Dissent by word or action	Sin Bin – player to sit out the remainder of the game.
Receiving a second caution (yellow card) in the same match	1 match suspension
Red card for denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity	1 match suspension
Red card for use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 match suspension
Red card for: Attempting to kick or strike another player Violent conduct Serious foul play Biting or spitting at an opponent or any other person	Expulsion from the tournament.

<b>Referee:</b>	An appointed and qualified referee will be allocated for every game and their decision is absolutely final – please RESPECT them and the decisions made as these are in good faith and many have given up their time to make this a success. Please note that JBFC fully endorses and accommodates the RESPECT PROGRAMME.
<b>Appeals/Complaints:</b>	Will be adjudicated by the MC whose decision will be final on all disputes whilst the MC shall have the power to deal with any contingency not provided in the rules above.
<b>Dogs</b>	Visitors to tournament are welcome to bring dogs provided that they are kept on a lead at all times and that any dog fouling is cleared up immediately and disposed of in the dog waste bins on site.
<b>Parking</b>	Please note that without exception, all cars and motorcycles are to be parked in the designated parking areas as directed by parking stewards.
<b>First Aid</b>	It is a requirement that all visiting teams will have coaching staff who are suitably first aid trained and will be in possession of a suitable first aid kit for use if required. Emergency first aid supplies will be available from the control tent if needed but Jarvis Brook representatives will not provide first aiders to administer the same.
<b>Respect Area</b>	<b>All spectators must remain on the outside of the Respect line at all times.</b>

**Please note that JBFC accepts no responsibility for injury, loss or damage to property, spectators or players, however caused, during the Competition or whilst on our premises.**

**We recommend that every participant ensures they are fully insured before taking part.**

