

Rules



1. All games are 40 mins (2 x 20 mins)
2. U8/U9 is 7v7
3. U10/11 is 9v9
4. Regular size pitches
5. FFV Format Rules will apply for all games, unless listed below. [click here for details](#).
6. Retreat Rule will only apply to grading games (Week 1 to Week 3). Week 4 to Week 10 **no retreat rule** will be enforced by referees however discretion can be used between coaches if games are becoming one sided. This also means the ball will be LIVE if the goalkeeper catches the ball and then places it on the floor.
7. Goalkeeper can't drop kick or kick from their hands. Must be thrown or played from the floor.
8. All free kicks are indirect during the competition.
9. No goals can be scored direct from corner kicks or the kick off.
10. Penalties will be given, if fouls are committed in the box.
11. Yellow cards will be recorded during games. Players that receive more than 2 yellow cards won't be able to play in the finals.
12. Red cards will result in a suspension of 2 games (double yellows in game included), however you won't be reduced to less players and another player can come onto the field. Sent off player won't be able to return onto the field for that game.
13. All players MUST be registered onto the system prior to 6th October 2024 to be able to play in grading games.
14. Players must have played in at least 3 grading or group games to play in the final's week.
15. Officials will be checking players are wearing the correct shirt numbers each week
16. Team Managers will be responsible for validating the result with the other team and officials (by signing match report after the game). Any disputes must be raised with Ben Shearman within 24 hours of the game.
17. Watsonia Cup Officials reserve the right to validate the DOB with a player if required
18. All players will play in the Watsonia Cup at their own risk from injury and Watsonia Heights FC won't be held liable in the unlikely event of something happening.