



Rules

COMPETITION RULES 2025

TEAM REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9.30am AT THE DESIGNATED REGISTRATION POINT. MANAGERS MEETING 9:00AM!

The First Touch FC Summer Slam 2025 tournament age groups are based on the 2024/25 season.

1. Players to be under the appropriate age on September 1st 2024
2. 6 aside teams shall consist of a squad of maximum TEN players
3. Players may only play for one team.
4. Any team found to be playing over age players shall be disqualified.
5. Each age group to be run initially on a league basis then on a knock out basis - Champions League & Europa League.
6. League points to be awarded as: Win = 3 Draw = 1
7. Should two teams be level on points and goal difference, the team scoring the highest number of goals shall be placed highest, otherwise a penalty shoot-out will decide.
8. Winning team manager to take scorecard to central score point.
9. Game times as follows (all games straight through - NO Half times)
 - a) Under 8's - 12 mins - No Heading / Kick ins - Dribble ins
 - b) Under 9's - 12 mins - No Heading / Kick ins - Dribble ins
 - c) Under 10's - 12 mins - No Heading / Kick ins - Dribble ins
 - d) Under 11's - 12 mins
 - e) Under 12's - 12 mins
10. Quarter / Semi-finals in each competition shall be on a knock-out basis.
11. If no result in a Quarter / Semi-final and/or Final then penalties shall decide, leading on to sudden death in equal number of attempts after initial 5 kicks.
12. Trainers or boots may be worn.
13. Shin guards MUST be worn by all players.
14. **Under 8s to Under 10s age group rules of play shall be in accordance with Mini-soccer, please note the following:**

- A. Players must be a minimum of 5 yards away from the ball at free kicks, corners and kick ins/dribble ins.
- B. All free kicks are direct.
- C. Goalkeepers are allowed outside of their goal area, but cannot pick up the ball.
- D. Goalkeepers can kick the ball out.
- E. Goalkeepers are not allowed to pick the ball up from a back pass.
- F. When the ball goes behind the goal line, the goalkeeper must restart the game with a goal kick
- G. Outfield players are allowed inside the goal area.
- H. No Offside Rule.
- I. Halfway line to be used as a retreat line at goal kicks (up to and including U10's)-opposition players must stay in their half until keeper plays the ball-this does not stop a keeper taking a quick goal kick if required.
- J. NO HEADING UPTO & INCLUDING UNDER 10's.

15. Under 11's are as Mini Soccer, with the following exceptions:

- A. No half way retreat line in operation. However opposition players to leave the area for Goalkicks
- B. Throw ins rather than kick ins/dribble ins

16. Under 12's are as Mini Soccer, with the following exceptions:

- A. Heading is permitted
- B. No half way retreat line in operation. However opposition players to leave the area for Goalkicks
- C. Throw ins rather than kick ins/dribble ins

17. The referees decision on the field of play is final.

18. Competitions executive committee decisions are final and irreversible.

19. NO ALCOHOL allowed to be removed from the Haworth Park bar area – All alcohol must be consumed within the bar area.

20. NO ACADEMY PLAYERS (Academy = A player not allowed to play / register for a Grassroots team).

21. In the unfortunate event that the event should be cancelled due to weather we will not be able to offere refunds of the tournament fee.