

BSME U13 FOOTBALL HANDBOOK

Hosted at New York University, Abu Dhabi

Boys - Thursday 19th January 2017

Girls – Friday 20th January 2017

## Football Tournament Rules and Information

**General Information**

* All matches will be played on grass.
* Players should ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear.
* The host school may outsource referees or may request visiting teams bring a teacher to assist with the officiating
* Pitch Dimensions: 7 a-side: 60x40 yards

**Rules**

* 7-a-side with a maximum squad size of 12
* Game should be 10 minutes each way with 2 minutes half time
* All players must wear shin guards/pads. Children will not be allowed to play without them.
* In the finals/play offs will be decided by extra time and then penalties.

**Key rules:**

* The pass back rule DOES APPLY. Should the goalkeeper handle the ball from a pass from one of his own team, an indirect free kick is awarded where the ball was picked up
* No off side
* All other football rules apply

**League Positions**

To determine the overall position a league will operate:

* Win: 3 points
* Draw: 1 point
* Defeat: 0 points
* If teams have equal points at the end of the division of play and the playoffs the tie-breaker used shall be:
* Head to Head, Points difference; Points for; Penalty shoot-out (each member of the team takes 1 shot (i.e. all 5 in the team) alternating with the other team followed by sudden death).

**End of the Game**

* This will be determined by the official.
* Three cheers and handshakes to be encouraged.
* Team managers shall shake hands.
* It is expected that team managers shake hands with the match officials

**Football Order of Play**

* Where there are 16 competing schools the teams are divided into 4 pools of 4.
* Each pool will be selected randomly. Each team then plays three games in a round-robin competition to determine league places for play-offs.
* The top 2 teams in each pool will proceed to the knockout stages. The bottom two teams will play an additional play-off match. The tournament will then follow a knockout format. The draw for each pool will be available on the website.
* The bottom two teams from the pool will also enter a knockout tournament.
* The draw for each pool will be available on the website

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| **Tier 1 Play Offs** | | |
| Final | | |
| Winner SF1 | V | Winner SF2 |
| Play Off | | |
| Loser SF1 | V | Loser SF2 |

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| **Tier 1 Quarter Finals** | | |
| QF1 | | |
| 1st Pool A | V | 2nd Pool B |
| QF 2 | | |
| 2nd Pool A | V | 1st Pool B |
| QF3 | | |
| 1st Pool C | V | 2nd Pool D |
| QF4 | | |
| 2nd Pool C | V | 1st Pool D |

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| **Tier 1 Semi Finals** | | |
| SF1 | | |
| Winner QF1 | V | Winner QF3 |
| SF2 | | |
| Winner QF2 | V | Winner QF4 |

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| **Tier 2 Quarter Finals** | | |
| QF1 | | |
| 3rd Pool A | V | 4th Pool B |
| QF 2 | | |
| 4th Pool A | V | 3rd Pool B |
| QF3 | | |
| 3rd Pool C | V | 4th Pool D |
| QF4 | | |
| 4th Pool C | V | 3rd Pool D |

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| **Tier 1 Semi Finals** | | |
| SF1 | | |
| Winner QF1 | V | Winner QF3 |
| SF2 | | |
| Winner QF2 | V | Winner QF4 |

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| **Tier 2 Final** | | |
| Final | | |
| Winner SF1 | V | Winner SF2 |