

## **North District 2008 Mini Cup Rules**

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This is ND first year for 8-a-side play for U11& U12 House & U11 Select. We felt that we should use a different format for the North District Cup for these teams. It copies the World Cup format where teams are formed into Groups of 4 or 5 and the top 2 teams in each group will move into the single knock out tournament at the end of the season.

The round robin play will take place on Jan 13, Jan 20 and Jan 27 . These games follow standard League rules. Points are awarded for wins (3) and ties (1)

Single elimination round will start on Feb 10 with the Group of 16.

Winners on Feb 10 will advance to the Quarter finals on Feb 17

Semi Finals will be on Sunday Feb 24

3<sup>rd</sup> place and Championship finals will be on Mar 02.

The technical rules of the competition follow.

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## **ND Mini Cup Competition**

1. The final competition shall be played in a group stage, followed by two knockout stages, the play-off for third place and the final.
2. The last matches in each group shall be played simultaneously.
3. In the knockout stages, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 10 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner.

## **Group stage**

1. The teams in the 8 groups will be designated in similar fashion as below::

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1	G1	H1
A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2	G2	H2
A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3	G3	H3
A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4	G4	H4
	B5		D5		F5	G5	H5

4. The system of play will be the league system, each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group, with three points for a win, one point for a draw and none for a defeat.

5. The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:

- a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
- b) goal difference in all group matches;
- c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.

If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings will be determined as follows:

- d) greatest number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- e) goal difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greater number of goals scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;

6. The top 2 teams finishing first in each group qualify for the Group of 16.

The 16 teams that advance from the group stage will contest the quarter-finals as follows:

## **Group of 16**

- 1st place Group A v. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Group B = Winner R1
- 1st place Group E v 2<sup>nd</sup> place Group D = Winner R2
- 1st place Group G v. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Group F = Winner R3
- 1st place Group C v 2<sup>nd</sup> place Group H = Winner R4
- 1st place Group H v. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Group C = Winner R5
- 1st place Group F v 2<sup>nd</sup> place Group G = Winner R6
- 1st place Group D v. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Group E = Winner R7
- 1st place Group B v 2<sup>nd</sup> place Group A = Winner R8

## Quarter-finals

Winner R1 v Winner R8 = Q1

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Winner R2 v Winner R7 = Q2

Winner R3 v Winner R6 = Q3

Winner R4 v Winner R5 = Q4

### ***Semi-finals***

The four teams that advance from the quarter-finals will contest the semi-finals as follows:

Winner Q1 v. Winner Q4 = S1

Winner Q2 v. Winner Q3 = S2

## TECHNICAL RULES FOR THE FINAL COMPETITION

### ***Final, play-off for third place***

1. The winners of the semi-finals qualify for the final.
2. The losers of the semi-finals will contest the play-off for third place.
3. If the play-off for third place is not played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner. However, if the match is played directly before the final and is level at the end of normal playing time, no extra time shall be played and the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark.
4. If the final is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time shall be played (two periods of 15 minutes each) and followed, if necessary, by kicks from the penalty mark to determine the winner

### **. FINALS**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Loser S1 v Loser S2

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Winner S1 v Winner S2