

## NIBFA CUP 2023/2024

## NOTES

### 11 - A - side

1. The competition rules are available to view on [www.nibfa.org](http://www.nibfa.org) please advise ALL your team managers to familiarise themselves with these.
2. Team managers contact details are attached, please advise the away teams of venue and directions as per Rule 5 Match Scheduling. Note ALL teams must select their match day team via Comet complete with Photo ID.
3. Teams can use up to 20 players for the competition (A MAXIMUM OF 16 PLAYERS ONLY CAN BE USED ON ANY MATCH DAY) this can include players from a younger age group at your club. You must register your team list on COMET. All players must be registered to your club prior to your first match. A player may only play for one team within an age group but may play for a team within the club a year up but that must be in the same format i.e., 9 a side or 11 a side players cannot play in both formats.
4. **Text results to 07483344644 immediately after each match** (Winning Team Manager). This is essential to allow us to get the knock on draws out to leagues as quickly as possible.
5. Any outstanding matches in the Round 2 draw will be played on the dates notified on the fixture schedule see on enclosed fixtures or on [www.nibfa.org](http://www.nibfa.org)
6. No changes can be made to fixtures without the agreement of (a) the League/s and (b) the NIBFA. The League/s must have agreed to the fixture change before contacting the NIBFA. See Rule 5 match Scheduling.
7. The league of the home team will appoint the referee for the matches listed, the referee fee in all NIBFA Cup games up to the semi-final stage is paid by the HOME team and it is the full fee teams pay in their own league.
8. Any queries contact Gerry 07483344644

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### 9 - A - side

1. Games will be 25 minutes each way and in the event of a draw the game will go straight to penalties. In semi-finals and final ties only for the 9 a-side competitions, extra time of 5 minutes each way will apply. If the tie is still undecided, the result of the tie shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the rules of the game as set down by FIFA.
2. The offside rule in this competition will apply.
3. The back pass to a goalkeeper is not permitted.
4. ALL teams MUST record their team lists on COMET. All players must be registered to your club prior to your first match. A player may only play for one team within an age group but may play for a team within the club a year up but that must be in the same format i.e., 9 a side or 11 a side players cannot play in both formats.
4. Teams may use up to 20 players and use (14 PLAYERS ON ANY MATCH DAY) on any match day and at the finals.
5. Rolling substitutions can be used in the games subject to following the standard rule for making a substitution in all matches, see the competition rules.
6. The size of goals will be 16 x 7 however NIBFA are aware that these may not be available at every venue that may be used. If that size is not available, then 12 x 6 is the accepted alternative.
7. The League of the HOME team will arrange the venue and referee for matches
8. Corners, throw in and goal kicks should be taken in line with the laws of the game.
9. Results should be sent by the winning team manager immediately after the game by TEXT to 07483344644 giving score, group, and teams. Please DO NOT send a text saying we won 2 -0 !!!  
Team – Group and score PLEASE
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