



Exeter Soccer Club **Under 9's Gala Day Rules** **2023**

- Any matters not included in the rules and regulations must be referred to the Exeter Soccer Club Gala Day Committee whose decision shall be final.
- If teams finish on equal points in the gala day then the team position shall be determined by:
 - (a) The number of goals scored by each team less the number of goals scored against that team.
 - (b) Or if that be equal then by the number of goals scored by each team.
 - (c) Or if that be equal then the team with the most wins.
 - (d) Or if that be equal then the team with the most goals in a single game.
 - (e) Or if that be equal then by a penalty shootout with each team having five (5) penalty kicks taken alternately from nine (9) metres from the goal line. If a result is not achieved after the initial 5 penalty kicks, one (1) penalty kick per team shall be taken until one team gains a lead after an equal number of kicks.
- All games shall be fifteen (15) minutes duration with no half time and no swapping of ends. All games will start and be finished by the siren.
- Games are required to start on time so any team not ready to start when officials are ready will forfeit the game.
- Corner kicks to be taken from the point where the goal line and side line meet.
- The goal area is a 7 metre x 5 metre box. Goal kicks are to be taken five (5) metres from the goal-line in the goal area.
- Goal posts will consist of poles approximately 5 metres wide x 2 metres high.
- Goals can't be scored from inside the goal area or from your own half of the field.
- The number of players on the field shall be no more than seven (7) players per team with up to 5 substitutes per team.
- There is no formal offside rule but players will be penalised if they deliberately linger in an offside position.
- There will be three pools with each team playing each other once in their pool.
- Each team plays at 4 games with 1 bye.
- Match balls will be size three (3) with each team to supply a match ball.

- Every team to fill in their team sheet book, and hand the sheet to the canteen prior to their first game so that the yellow copy can be forward to the registrar of the HSA.
- Semi-Finals will be played under the same format as qualifying games with the exception that if the match is drawn, the team who scores first will be deemed the winner. If no goals are scored the winner will be deemed by a penalty shootout with each team having five (5) penalty kicks taken alternately from nine (9) metres from the goal line. If a result is not achieved after the initial 5 penalty kicks, one (1) penalty kick per team shall be taken until one team gains a lead after an equal number of kicks.
- Grand Final will be twenty (20) minutes duration with ten (10) minutes played each half and a two (2) min break for half time. If the match is drawn the team who scored first will be deemed the winner. If no goals are scored the winner will be decided by a penalty shoot out with each team having five (5) penalty kicks taken alternately from nine (9) metres from the goal line. If a result is not achieved after the initial 5 penalty kicks, one (1) penalty kick per team shall be taken until one team gains a lead after an equal number of kicks.
- The points awarded for matches results are as follows:
 - Win 4 points
 - Score draw 2 points
 - Scoreless draw 1 points
 - Loss 0 points
 - Bye 0 points
 - Forfeit 4 points (plus 3 goal difference)

A Bonus point will be awarded for a winning result by 3 goals or more.

- There is no nomination fee.
- The team managers are required to have their team sheets filled out and assemble at the canteen at 8:00am so the rules are explained to all managers.
- The above rules are a summary only and in the event of a dispute, the decision of the competition organisers (Exeter Soccer Club Gala Day Committee) shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.