



TONBRIDGE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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Tonbridge Junior Football Club are holding their 19th Football Fiesta over the weekend of 7/8 July 2012, and invite your Club to take part. This weekend has been chosen so as to fully avoid the school summer holidays. We are again using the excellent playing surface at The Racecourse Sportsground, Tonbridge - just 5 minutes walk from the High Street, Tonbridge Castle, the Swimming Pool and River Walk for those that might not want to watch football all day.

Invitations have been sent to Clubs in 8 counties, giving you the opportunity of competing against new teams and forming new friendships. All children are admitted free. Adults will be charged an admission fee of £1.50, including a programme.

Structure of the Tournament:

Age-groups are Under 7s - 11s (mixed), Under 12s – 15s (Boys), and Ladies (Under 16 and over). The Under 7s will play a fun festival, with all other agegroups playing on a league basis, sub-divided into up to 6 groups depending on the number of entrants. Each team will play at least six games on sensibly sized pitches, with minimal free periods between each game.

The Fiesta fully complies with the Laws of Mini Soccer, other than minor changes approved by the KCFA which we believe improve the overall competition.

Age qualification for each age-group will be the same as your League registration for the (current) 2011/2012 season. Players need not be registered with your Club since managers, with next season in mind, may wish to try out new players. You can enter more than one team in each age-group, but any individual player may only play for one team during the tournament. All teams will play 6-a-side. There is no maximum number of players in each team – but each team will require a minimum of 7 players in the Under 8 – Under 10 age-groups to qualify for the Semi Finals.

Play for each age-group (other than the Under 7's) will be restricted to half a day, as follows:-

Saturday AM	Under 8s and 11s	Kick off 09.00, expected to finish by 13.30
	Under 7s (Group A)	Kick off 10.30, expected to finish by 15.00
Saturday PM	Under 9s, 12s and 13s	Kick off 14.12, expected to finish by 18.30
Sunday AM	Under 10s, 14s, 15s and Ladies	Kick off 09.00, expected to finish by 13.30
	Under 7s (Group B)	Kick off 10.30, expected to finish by 15.00

Our thanks for the many kind remarks received at, and just after the 2011 Fiesta, and we assure you that we will take any comments received into account when planning the 2012 Fiesta. In this regard, we have decided to pre-define age-group timings, and we have also decided to run both Cup and Plate competitions.

Last Entry Date:

The Fiesta has been the world's largest mini soccer tournament played over a single weekend in most of the years since mini soccer was introduced by the FA, with about 17,000 matches being played over the past 18 years. It has certainly been noticed, with Scouts from 5 Premier League Clubs and lots of Clubs from the lower divisions regularly attending each year. Clubs will appreciate that the smooth running of fixtures is fundamental to its success and, to enable us to fully plan these fixtures.....

WE ARE SETTING THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES AT 30 MAY.

We use 19 pitches (and have no plans to increase this number) but, to improve the overall competition, we will again give priority to all first teams from all clubs who apply by 30 April - and then admit additional teams on a first come first served basis. With so many entries, your early submission may avoid disappointment.

Entry Fee:

A fee of £30 per team should be sent when returning entry forms to cover the cost of the awards and the running of the event. We strongly recommend that you submit your entry forms early but, as we know that many managers pay for their team's entries before being able to recoup these fees from their players, **we will not bank any cheques received until 30th May 2012.**

Entry Confirmation:

All information in 2012 will be made available on our Website (www.tjfc.org.uk) - including participating teams, Rules of Play, age-group timings, and a map. You will also receive advice via email.

Awards:

The Winners and Runners-Up of the Cup Competition in each age-group (other than the Under 7s) will receive 8 players medals, and the Winners can take photos holding the TJFC Cup.

Based upon popular demand, we also plan to run a Plate Competition in each age-group (other than the Under 7s), where the Winners and Runners-Up will receive 8 players medals, and the Winners can take photos holding the TJFC Plate.

All Under 7 teams will receive 8 player's medals for taking part.

We will be pleased to order additional medals, if required, subject to the requesting club meeting the additional cost.

Referees:

We hope, as in the past 18 years, to have qualified referees officiating all matches. Qualified referees very definitely improve the overall competition and, although many very experienced referees attend, we welcome newly qualified referees as we think the Fiesta provides them with excellent experience in a very friendly environment.

Entertainment:

Apart from the football itself, we will be welcoming back other forms of entertainment so that we can make the fiesta a day out for the whole family. Tonbridge High Street is only 5 minutes walk away, for those who want a break from football during the day. We also hope to have Charlton Athletic Coaching staff on site during the weekend, as in previous years.

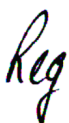
Sportsmanship:

We hope that all players, parents, club representatives and spectators enjoy either playing or watching the football and we would again like to place the emphasis on sportsmanship rather than winning. The Premier League might think it impossible, but the standard of play at the Fiesta has resulted in only 20 red cards in nearly 17,000 matches (including 1 last year), and we genuinely hope that none occur in 2012.

If you have any queries regarding the Fiesta please email me at reg.spicer@virginmedia.com

We look forward to your club taking part in our Football Fiesta on 7/8 July 2012.

Yours sincerely



Reg Spicer
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ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY 30 MAY 2012