



WORTHING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB – FOOTBALL FESTIVAL 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. START TIME & REGISTRATION

- ALL competitions will kick-off at 10:00am.
- ALL teams are required to register at the office in the reception of the Clubhouse by 9:30am at the latest.
- In order to do this, you will need to have completed a team registration form.
- Registration is much quicker if this form is completed prior to your arrival.
- You will need ALL players dates of birth.
- It is the Team Managers responsibility to register the team, not the parents of individual players.

If you will be arriving late, please call control and tell us. Similarly, if you are not coming, please also let us know. Any of you that have organised tournaments will know how difficult it is to change the number of teams at the last minute. Occasionally we get a team that just does not show up without explanation. Please do us the courtesy of giving us as much notice as possible if you are not coming.

Contact telephone numbers for the day will be: 07842 344309 / 01903 243449.

2. AGE GROUPS & COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Saturday:

Under 7s (mixed)
 Under 9s (mixed)
 Under 11s (Boys)
 Under 13s (Boys)
 Under 15s (Boys)
 Men's

Sunday:

Under 8s (mixed)
 Under 10s (Boys)
 Under 12s (Boys)
 Under 14s (Boys)
 Under 16s (Boys)
 Under 18s (Boys)

Monday:

Inclusive Football (Pan Disability)
 Under 9s (Girls)
 Under 10s (Girls)
 Under 11s (Girls)
 Under 12s (Girls)
 Under 13s (Girls)
 Under 14s (Girls)
 Under 15s (Girls)
 Under 16s (Girls)
 Ladies
 Women's Recreational Football
 Men's Vets (over 35s)
 Walking Football (over 50s)
 Walking Football (over 60s)

The competitions will either be run on a 'Group & Knockout' format or a 'League' format. Full details and match scheduling will be available in the Football Festival programme which will cost £2.

Tournaments are anticipated to finish by 3:30pm at the latest depending on entrants and competition structure.

3. RESPECT & ENJOYMENT

Please adhere to the Football Association RESPECT guidelines. We will report instances of poor behaviour to the Sussex County FA where appropriate. Team Managers are responsible for the behaviour of your players, parents and supporters and we ask you to be proactive in ensuring a positive atmosphere throughout for all.

We ask that all teams, led by the team manager, ensure that there is suitable space along the touchlines of the pitches so that the players can play and the referee can referee with obstruction.

Please do not play ineligible players. We have to trust you because we have no way of checking that the information that you provide us with at registration is accurate. In the past we had a team that played an over-age player and put a false date of birth on the registration form. They were found out and disqualified.

4. REFEREES

All referees appointed by the Management of the Competition are here to act as impartial officials. Please do not come to the matchday control with complaints about the referees. You may want to let off steam but we don't want to listen to it. We will not overturn the decision of a referee so you will be wasting your breath. Many of our referees will be volunteers and some may be under the age of 18. They ALL deserve our respect regardless of whether people agree with their decisions or not. They are here to enjoy the day as well. In ALL cases, the Referees decision is FINAL.

5. GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

Please check the programme to see when and who you are playing as team colours will be listed, the second named team will be expected to change. Please come prepared with an 'away' strip or some bibs for cases where there is a clash of colours. This will help with the tournaments running to time.

There will be plenty of bins spread across the site. Please ensure that your team does not leave any litter behind when you leave.

Dogs are allowed to the Football Festival but in ALL cases they MUST be kept on a lead at ALL times and kept away from the edges of the pitches.

Presentations of medals to Under 7s teams and Inclusive Football (Pan Disability) teams can be made as soon as your team complete their final fixture. Other presentations will be made following the final match of your competition.

Please note that the press may also attend and take photographs, should anyone have any objections they must be made known to match control.

6. PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

There will be NO onsite parking available throughout the weekend unless you are a **BLUE BADGE HOLDER ONLY**.

We have worked extensively with our neighbours, local authorities and the police in recent years to try and alleviate congestion in and around Palatine Park over the Football Festival weekend. Please act responsibly and parking sensibly with consideration of others.

Please refer to the 'Parking Information' document distributed for full details of parking at Southern Water and Equiniti and consider our neighbours when arriving and departing. Please share the 'Parking Information' document with your players / parents. Early arrival is recommended.

The Park and Ride buses are FREE to use and will also take you back to your car park at the end of the day.

Worthing Town Football Club, Southern Water and Equiniti accept no liability for loss or damage and you park your car at your own risk.