

Lewisham Scouts Football Tournament

On Saturday 12th November 2022

Goals at the junction of Sidcup Road and Eltham Palace Road, SE9 (by the old World of Leather Roundabout)

- o Troops to meet to register at 9.15am in the car park/inside
- o The event will finish at approximately 5.15pm
- o Cost: £5 per playing Scout

We are bound by space and time considerations on the day and thus there will be a maximum number of teams that the event can cope with.

Therefore, most importantly, if you wish to enter your troop, I need to know by latest **Sunday 30th October** if

1. you wish to enter your troop
2. roughly how many teams you wish to enter

It would be really helpful to let me know earlier than this.

Teams

The Football tournament will consist of

- Five a Side with teams able to have any number of substitutes, although the five players on the pitch may not exceed 65 years in total.
- An American Style Penalty Shootout event. (a timed event where a player has 10 seconds to dribble from the halfway line and score against the opposition goalkeeper).

Troops may enter multiple teams if they have sufficient numbers, however, please be aware of the following very important information designed to ensure fairness.

1. If you have more than one team, you may not switch players between the teams throughout the day.
2. Differing troops may not make prior arrangements to join together.

As the organiser I reserve the right to limit the number of troop entries or teams once I have heard from leaders.

Centre Rules

The playing surface is Astro turf (3g) and thus, in line with Centre rules, the only acceptable footwear is trainers or mouldies (short, dimpled rubber studs). Blades or metal studs or any variations are not allowed.

Please also note that you should ensure that:

1. Scouts participating are all wearing shin pads
2. Your team goalkeeper has proper goalkeeping gloves
3. We are also encouraging you to select an older scout to play in goal, but this is not mandatory, merely encouraged.

Goals Management have asked me to remind leaders that the Bar areas are out of bounds to unaccompanied children. There are vending machines in the building.

Standard 5-A-SIDE Rules

Standard Five a Side rules will apply for the event, and I will go through these with the Troop Leaders and team captains on the morning of the competition.

The tournament will be run on either a knockout or league basis. I have prepared for either scenario or this decision will be made on the day once we have established the number of teams entering. The most important aspect here is that everyone gets as much football as possible.

Can I ask that you ensure that your members arrive on time (9.15am) as

1. it is not fair to keep troops that are always there on time waiting
2. we will be starting the event on time this year and I do not want any teams to be starting a match with less than 5 players.

The format and rules for the day are pretty much the same as in previous years and we will go through these in detail on the day. I should highlight once again that troops may not team up and / or swap players between themselves without permission, a players age must not exceed 14 ½, the combined age of the team must not exceed 65 years in total and you should ensure your members turn up on time.

We need Referees!

We'll need referees. If you know someone who has the necessary knowledge, then please would you let me know well before the event. This year I am very short so please step forward if you can assist. The more we have available, the less of the day the refs need to cover.

Contact



Any unusual requests should be referred to me before the day of the event or on the morning of the event and we will discuss and make a decision based on fairness for all.

This event has always been popular. Once again, please tell your Scouts about the tournament and ensure that they have the date and time in writing in adequate time. Please let me know if you have any questions or queries.

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