

Chepstow Garden City Mini Football Festival Rules 2023

A: Health & Safety:

1. NO PERSONAL BARBECUES allowed on playing fields. All dogs to be kept on leads.

B: Participation

2. All clubs **MUST** be affiliated to a parent Area Association and all clubs MUST provide their Parent Association affiliation number to be accepted into the festival.
3. All clubs **MUST** have approval from their Association if they are based outside of the Gwent County FA area, and where required by their Association rules.
4. All age groups shall be as per the requirements of season 2022/2023.

C: Conduct and Welfare

5. Shin pads **MUST** be worn at ALL times – team managers/coaches are responsible for checking.
6. All jewelry **MUST** be removed – players will not be allowed to play and will be asked to leave the pitch.
7. Game leaders/referees will be appointed for each match and their decision on all aspects of play shall be final.
8. The FAW code of conduct will apply to all players, coaches and spectators. Applaud all good play respect all players, coaches, game leaders and referees.
9. Respect the game leader / referee and accept all decisions without question. Without them there would be no football
10. Team managers/coaches are responsible for the behaviour of their players and supporters.
11. Team managers/coaches should remove (replace) immediately any player on the pitch with abusive behaviour or persistent bad tackling or two footed tackles
12. **Spectators must remain off the pitch and behind any buffer zone, respect barrier or markers surrounding the pitch area.**
13. Only coaches, first aiders and referees are permitted onto the pitches.
14. On a hot day parents should ensure players have adequate drinks (non fizzy).
15. On sunny day parents should ensure players have adequate sun protection.

D: Game Format and Rules

16. **Games are played in accordance with the FAW and Gwent County FA mini football regulations.** Under 6s and Under 7s will play 4 v 4 games with no goalkeepers; Under 8s 5 v 5 games; Under 9s 5 v 5 games; Under 10s 7 v 7 games; and U11s 7 v 7 games
17. **All games will be played to a non-competitive format - There is no league or knockout competition**
18. **Games will be played in groups on round robin basis and all players receive a memento**
19. Teams should be ready at least 1 minute before games start. There is no half time and no turnaround. Please leave and join the pitch quickly so that new games can begin.
 - a. All games are played to the hooter for kick-off and game end. All matches will be 12 minutes long
20. In the event of no shows, all attempts will be made to ensure an adequate number of games are played. However it may be necessary to increase game duration to ensure teams do not lose out on playing time.
21. Substitutions will be on a roll-off/roll-on basis (referee to be informed), with no restriction on the number of changes.
22. No player shall stand within 3 yards of any free kick, corner kick or kick off.
23. Goalkeeper specific rules per age group are as per Gwent County FA
 - a) Goalkeepers' can pick the ball up for back passes
 - b) Under 8s and under 9s can kick the ball out of their hands, including goal kicks.
 - c) Under 11s must kick the ball off the ground for goal kicks.
 - d) Under 11s must throw out the ball or kick the ball off the ground when they collect the ball (e.g. back passes and saves). If the ball is kicked off the ground, the ball cannot be in the air or bouncing and the goalkeeper can be challenged.
24. There is no restriction on players entering the goal areas.
25. **For Under 6s and Under 7s it is not allowed for one player to stand in front of the PUGG goal acting as a goalkeeper.**
26. **For Under 8s, Under 9s opponents must retreat to the half-way line for goal kicks**
27. Normal rules apply for throw-ins and corners, except there are no foul throws for U6s, U7s and U8s
28. If there is a clash of colours, the first named team on fixture list changes colours or wears bibs.
29. There is no offside. All free kicks are indirect and there are no penalties.

E. General

30. The organisers and Chepstow Garden City JFC will not be responsible for loss or damage to property including parked cars, or injury to persons however caused during the festival.
31. There is a photographer present and children will be likely to be photographed. Parents have the opportunity to buy their child's and team's photos.
32. The organisers reserve the right to alter or amend the festival rules if they should deem it necessary and their decision in such matters shall be final.