

RULES FOR UCFL PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT

This pre-season friendly tournament is designed to allow participating teams the opportunity to gradually return to regular match fixtures before the 2021-22 season commences in August. There is no cost to enter and token vouchers will be presented to the winning teams. The competition is scheduled to run from Wednesday June 9th to Wednesday July 28th. The 4 “finals” will be held on Saturday 7th August, hopefully, in VEC Terenure, between the 2 section winners in each group.

NB *Each team must have its own Covid Officer and this officer must be present at every game the team plays.*

1. All teams are eligible to partake in the competition provided they have submitted an application to the UCFL to compete in the 2021-22 season.
2. Teams must email the Honorary Secretary, Paraic Treanor (paraic.treanor@ucfl.ie), that they are intending to participate in the pre-season tournament.
3. Valid public liability insurance must be with League before a team can compete in the pre-season event. Please contact Seamus Doherty at seamus.doherty@ucfl.ie for queries.
4. To further advance the return to play philosophy, the roll-on/roll-off system will be used to maximise the potential game time of every player. For this to happen, every team player must be listed on the match card and all listed players will be deemed to have played in the match. This player list must exactly match the list that the designated Covid Officer is mandated to have. All roll-on/roll-off substitutions will take place at the discretion and timing of the referee. The referee’s decision is final in determining any issues in this regard.
5. All teams must familiarise themselves with the return to play protocols issued on Friday the 4th of June by the FAI and any amendments that follow. Importantly, as per Covid protocols, the referee must be paid before the start of the game and the money should be provided in an envelope.
6. The normal yellow and red card scenario will apply. Suspensions, if any, will be served during the pre-season event and if it is not possible to do so, they will be carried forward to the 2021-22 season. Prior to the commencement of the 2021-22 season, a player’s accumulated cautions total shall be reduced to zero.
7. In the event that the match is tied at the end of normal time, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the “winner”. Each tied team in a drawn game will get one point in its group and the winner of the penalty shoot-out will gain an extra point. Goal difference is not applied in the UCFL.
8. If, when all games have been played, more than one team finishes on the same number of points, in any section, the results of the head to head games between those teams will determine which team progresses to the group final. Any other issues arising will be dealt with by the UCFL Executive Committee, whose ruling will be binding.

9. Should any of the 'finals' be tied after 90 minutes, the referee will proceed straight to penalty kicks i.e. extra time will NOT be played.
10. The general rules of the FAI, LFA and UCFL shall apply to this competition.
11. If there are any issues with a scheduled fixture, the team(s) concerned must liaise immediately with the Fixtures Secretary, Noel Fitzroy, at noel.fitzroy@ucfl.ie
12. Given the tight timeframe, it is not envisaged that there will be any postponements or appeals.

Communicate

Co-operate

Enjoy