

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE

school sports partnership



Kirby Shield, Kirby Plate & Tony Moore Shield Rules 2024/25

- **Teams can only enter into EITHER the Kirby Shield (Div 1) or the Kirby Plate (Div 2).**
- **By entering the Kirby Shield, Kirby Plate or Tony Moore Shield you, your players and spectators are agreeing to adhere to the code of conduct below. Failure to do so may result in your team being removed from the competition. We advise sharing this code of conduct with all players and parents.**
- Teams can choose to enter the Kirby Shield as usual or to enter the lower division which will be the Kirby Plate. These split divisions have been added to allow for an appropriate level of competition for all players and to allow teams that otherwise may struggle the opportunity to progress through to quarter finals, semi-finals etc.
- **There is no progression from the Plate to the Shield.**
- 7 players on pitch including goalkeeper, rolling subs are allowed from your squad of 10. The referee must be informed of any changes that are made. **Please note the squad size must not be exceeded.**
- League group games to be 20 minutes each way (knockout stages- if in the event of a draw after normal time, 5 minutes each way of extra time. If still tied then 5 penalties per team with sudden death to follow.)
- Normal football rules for these age groups apply, including no offside.
- From a goal kick the opposing team must retreat behind the half way line.
- Throw ins must be over head, foul throws won't be penalised but players should be encouraged to throw it in properly.
- Back pass rules applies (Goalkeepers cannot pick up the ball when receiving it from a player deliberately). An indirect free kick will be awarded.
- The winners of the group will go through to the knockout stage. Depending on group size top 2 may advance, this will be clarified when the groups are drawn.
- League games - 3 points for a win, 2 for draw and 1 for a loss.
- If two teams are joint on points at the end of all of the group games, the head to head result will decide which team goes through. If tied on head to head then the team who have conceded the least number of goals will progress. If tied on number of goals conceded then goal difference will be used. If still tied a play off game will take place.
- **If a team achieves a 5 goal lead in any match the match is officially over at that point with that score being brought forward. Schools are encouraged to continue playing but to change the rules, e.g. mix the teams or add more**

players onto the losing side or implement different rule restrictions for the winning side, however the game MUST NOT continue as it had been prior.

- Deadlines are final and any games not played will be registered as 0-0, unless a school can show they have tried to arrange the game and the opposition have either not replied or pulled out on an arranged date and been unable to agree upon a new date. In this scenario the team who did not pull out will be awarded a 1-0 win.
- If you are withdrawing from the competition inform the below contact and any schools you are due to play.
- If you are having problems getting in touch with schools let us know and we may be able to help.
- If you have any enquires on rules or fixtures contact Kirsty at kirsty.naismith@castlerock.org.uk

Mixed Kirby Shield Year 5/6 & Girls' Tony Moore Shield Year 5/6

- Entries close 6th September 2024 12pm - enter via website
- Draw will take place in the afternoon on the 6th September 2024.
- Group games to be played by Christmas break.
- Quarter/Semi Finals to be played by 21st March 2024
- Finals to be played at Coalville Town on the 9th April 2024, estimated timings below.
(Kirby Plate at 12pm, Tony Moore Shield at 2pm and Kirby Shield at 4pm)
- Play with a size 4 ball

Respect Code of Conduct/Spirit of the Games



We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. This event is supporting The FA's 'Respect' programme to ensure football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

For players- when playing football, I will:

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger

- Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach/team manager
- Do what the referee tells me
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says

For spectators and parents/carers & coaches I will:

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area/Coaching Area (where provided)
- Not stand behind the goal
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success

In addition, when attending youth games I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake: mistakes are part of learning