

London Cup 2019 - Tournament Regulations

Who may participate?

All clubs, which are members of their FIFA affiliated National Associations are welcome to participate in the Tournament. In countries where football is operated by their schools we also allow teams affiliated by their School Football Association.

1. Rules

The London Cup will be played in accordance with applicable sections of the FIFA rules and the English FA rules. In questions of interpretations of the FIFA rules, the English text will apply.

2. Rules of the Game

- 2.1 The team must be a member of its affiliated National Association. In countries where football is operated by the schools, teams must be affiliated to their school football association. All participants must belong to the team they are competing for. Please note that participants cannot belong to a team from a country where the participant is not a resident.
- 2.2 All English teams must confirm their 2019/20 season Affiliation Number to the Tournament Organisers on or before 5th July 2019. All teams from outside of England must obtain permission from their National Association to travel and participate in the Tournament and confirm this information to the Tournament Organisers on or before 15th June 2019. Should we not receive this information from you by the required date, we reserve the right to revoke your place in the tournament without incurring any liability to you.
- 2.3 The competition shall be played on a League basis (in the first stage) with the teams divided, by the Management Committee, into groups. Each team shall play each other team in its group once. Three points will be awarded for a win and one for a draw. In youth football, goal difference is not permitted to be used.

Therefore, if any teams are level on points then head-to-head must be used. If this still does not separate teams then a play-off game will need to take place. If the scores are level after the play-off game is concluded, then kicks from the penalty mark shall decide the winner.

A knock-out stage shall then take place between 2 teams being the top 2 team(s) from each group.

The Management Committee shall make the draw for the knock-out competition.

- 2.4 All games in the knockout stage will be decided by direct elimination. A draw in the knockout stage will be decided by penalty kicks according to FIFA rules.

3. Age Categories 2019

3.1 Boys

Youth	Male players born September 1, 1998 through August 31, 2002
Under 16s	Male players born September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2003
Under 15s	Male players born September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2004
Under 14s	Male players born September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2005
Under 13s	Male players born September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2006

Mixed

Under 12s	Male players born September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2007
Under 11s	Male players born September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2008
Under 10s	Male players born September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009
Under 9s	Male players born September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010
Under 8s	Male players born September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2011
Under 7s	Male players born September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012

Girls

Under 16s	Female players born September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2004
Under 14s	Female players born September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2006

Players born before the 1st September of the given year cannot take part unless National Association dispensation has been given and the Tournament Office has received a copy (normally a medical certificate). Please note, players are also allowed to play up one age group i.e. Under-10s can play in the Under-11s age group.

Please notify the tournament organisers as a **matter of urgency** if you wish to bring players who:

1. are to play up one age group.
2. are born before 1st September of the previous given year. When notifying the tournament organisers please attach written dispensation from your National Association (normally a medical certificate).

If you do not inform the tournament organisers regarding the above then the London Cup reserves the right to refuse the players participation in the tournament without incurring any liability towards the team or participant as a result of such exclusion.

4. Match Durations

Duration

4.1	U13 to U15 Boys (11v11)	2 x 30 minutes
	U11 and U12 Boys (9v9)	2 x 20 minutes
	U9 & U10 Boys (7v7)	2 x 12 minutes
	U7 to U8 Boys (5v5)	2 x 10 minutes

5. SQUAD SIZE

5.1 U13 to Youth, and U16 Girls

Teams must not use more than 20 participants in a match, 11 participants on the field and 9 substitutes.

U11 & U12 teams, and U14 Girls

must not use more than 16 participants in a match, 9 participants on the field and 7 substitutes.

U9 & U10

Teams must not use more than 12 participants in a match, 7 participants on the field and 5 substitutes.

U7 & U8

Teams must not use more than 10 participants in a match, 5 participants on the field and 5 substitutes.

A substituted participant may re-enter the match. Substitutions must only be done when the ball is out of play and the referee must be notified. All substitutions must be done at the half way line. The participant that will be substituted has to leave the field of play before the new participant can enter the field. Incorrect substitutions will be punished with a yellow card as per the FIFA laws of the game. We recommend that all participants wear the same shirt number throughout the tournament.

- 5.2 It is permitted to use a participant from the same team in several teams but not in the same age group. This participant has to be on the participation list of all the teams he/she will play for. The participant must also show identification for all teams that he/she plays for. There is no maximum number of participants that can be listed on the participation list.

6. Proof of Age/Participation List

- 6.1 A tournament participation list will be distributed to teams on confirmation of entry. Each team must submit this list by **16th July 2019**. The participation list must include all team leaders/staff and participants. Participants cannot take part in the tournament if they are not listed on the team's participant list. **Staff must also state their role within the team.** Changes to the participation list can be made up until the team's first match in the tournament.
- 6.2 All participants MUST be able to identify themselves and certify their age with a valid passport and/or birth certificate and suitable photo. Teams will be informed of an allocated time for their age verification, prior to arrival.
- Single participants can arrange to do this at a later time **provided they are on the participation list** and that the participant shows valid identification before his/her first game. We reserve the right to exclude any teams using non eligible participants from the tournament without incurring any liability towards you as a result of such exclusion. Please note that the team leader listed on the teams registration form must attend all of the participants' age verifications.
- 6.3 An injured participant may be replaced up until the **19th July 2019**. **After this date a medical certificate will be required if the injury/illness occurs prior to the tournament taking place.**
- If a player is injured/becomes ill during the tournament and is unable to take any further part, Team Leaders must seek written permission from the Medical Liaison Manager and Tournament Manager, for the participant to be replaced.
- 6.4 Girls may play in boy categories as long as the regulations of age categories are followed.

7. Match Information

- 7.1 The team leader must confirm with the match official, no later than 30 minutes prior to KO, their nominated starting players and substitutes for the fixture. The match official, on his/her match card, will then tick those who are starting the match and allocate an 'S' against those players nominated as a substitute.
- 7.2 Only those ticked or who have an "S" next to their name, before kick-off, are able to take part in the match.
- 7.3 Team Leaders must also notify to the match official the team staff who will be present at the fixture. Only those names given to the referee, prior to KO, will be allowed in the technical area.
- 7.4 Random checks of referee match cards will be conducted by the tournament organisers throughout the event.

Players Kit

- 7.5 All team shirts must be numbered and the numbers must correspond to the numbers on the referee's match card. Numbers must be on the back of shirts. Two participants may not use the same number in any given match. Goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing top.
- 7.6 Participants must wear shinguards. Shinguards must be covered entirely by the socks.
- 7.7 If the referee decides that one team should change shirts due to a colour clash, the last named team must change.

Before, during and after the game

- 7.8 All teams should be ready at the field of play no later than 15 minutes before kick-off.
- 7.9 The Team Leader must make sure all participants are adequately insured
- 7.10 The teams are responsible for their supporters/spectators conduct. Bad behaviour/conduct by supporters/spectators can result in the team's exclusion from the tournament. Further details on respect and fair play will be in the tournament Information booklet.
- 7.11 A member of team staff must, immediately, after the match sign the referee's match card in order to confirm match results, red cards and other events during the game.

8. Pitch Sizes, Format, Goal Size and Ball Size

- 8.1 London Cup will play all matches according to English FA rules, as per the grid below. **If you are an international team, please note the pitch size, goal size and format may be different to what you are used to.**

Age	Format	Pitch Size (yards)	Goals max size - feet	Ball Size
U7 & U8	5 v 5	40 x 30	12 x 6	3
U9 & U10	7 v 7	60 x 40	12 x 6	U9 = 3 / U10 = 4
U11, U12 & U14G	9 v 9	70 x 40 - 80 x 50	16 x 7 - 21 x 7	4
U13 & U14	11 v 11	90 x 50 - 100 x 60	21 x 7 - 24 x 8	4
U15, Youth & U16G	11 v 11	90 x 50 - 100 x 70	Full Size 24 x 8	5

9. Referees

- 9.1 The referees are authorised by the English Football Association. There will be assistant referees from the semi-final stage.

10. Tournament Organisers

- 10.1 The tournament organisers consist of representatives of miTour – Sports Travel. The tournament organisers handle protests and sanction matters. Their decisions cannot be appealed.

11.1 Protests & Sanctions

- 11.1 All protests must be made in writing by the team leader. Protests must be delivered to the tournament office no later than 60 minutes after the match.
- 11.1.1 A protest fee of £20 must be made at the time. This will be returned if the protest is approved.
- 11.1.2 The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with the play are final. No protests will be considered on decisions made by the referee.

11.2 Cautions and Sending-off Offences

- 11.2.1 Any participant given a red card is automatically suspended from participating in the following match.
- 11.2.2 The tournament organisers will decide if further suspension is required in case of a direct red card.
- 11.2.3 Yellow cards are not accumulated.
- 11.2.4 Severe offences will be reported to the FA of the nation concerned.
- 11.2.5 If a participant that is suspended participates in a game, the team with the suspended participant automatically loses the game 3-0.

12. Walk Over/Abandoned Match

- 12.1 Any team not appearing at the appointed time and place for a match can lose the game 3-0. This will be decided by the tournament organisers. If a team repeatedly fails to appear for their fixtures, the team may be excluded from the tournament. In special cases the tournament organisers may decide to exclude a team at their first offence, i.e. if a deliberate Walk over favours the team or another team in the group, without incurring any liability towards the team or participant as a result of such exclusion.
- 12.2 If a match is abandoned for some reason and can't be played to the end, the tournament organisers will decide if the game has to be replayed or restarted from the minute when it was abandoned, or if the result will be fixed or if one of the teams or both teams lose the game 3-0.

13. Match Fields

- 13.1 It is intended that the majority of games will be played on grass with one artificial pitch also used.
- 13.2 All games will take place at Brunel University Sport Park, Uxbridge, London.
- 13.3 In the case of bad weather, teams will be awarded 1 point each if the referee deems a fixture unplayable.

14. Match Schedule

- 14.1 The tournament organisers has the right to change the groups, times and venues (up until August 2019 at any time).

15. Regulations for Accommodation

- 15.1.1 The Team Leader, as indicated on the participation list, is responsible for any damage caused by his/her participants to the accommodation or for any lost items. Any fees incurred will be sent to the Team Leader for immediate payment.
- 15.1.2 All teams must keep the noise to an absolute minimum between 11pm and 7am.
- 15.1.3 All teams and Team Leaders/Staff must stay in the same accommodation.
- 15.1.4 Male and female participants will be allocated separate rooms/flats.
- 15.1.5 A child and an adult, not related, will not be allocated the same room.
- 15.1.6 To prevent fire smoking is strictly prohibited in all accommodation, this includes e-cigarettes.

16. Insurance and Responsibility

- 16.1 The London Cup 2019 is covered by miTour Ltd's 'Public Liability Insurance'.
- 16.2 The London Cup does not carry any group insurance protecting participants in case of injury, illness, theft or damage to property. All participating teams therefore must take out a 'Group Insurance Policy', if you are not already covered, to insure participants and staff both on and off the field. We may, from time-to-time, ask for proof of the appropriate coverage for the duration of the tournament.
- 16.3 Participants must ensure that they have personal medical insurance.
- 16.4 We recommend that teams do not keep any money or valuables in their rooms and that they use the safety deposit boxes, if provided.
- 16.5 It is recommended that all International teams ensure that 'repatriation' is included within any insurance policy. The London Cup does not bear any responsibility for repatriation for any individual or team.

17. Cancellation of the Tournament and Force Majeure

- 17.1 In the event that the Tournament cannot be held or is postponed due to events beyond the control of the tournament organisers ("Force Majeure") or due to events which are not attributable to wrongful intent or gross negligence of the tournament organisers, the London Cup cannot be held liable by the teams for any damages, costs or losses incurred, such as transportation costs, accommodation costs, optional extra costs or anything else. Under these circumstances the tournament organisers reserves the right to reimburse the teams after deducting costs already incurred for the organisation of the tournament and which could not be recovered from third parties.
- 17.2 The London Cup is in no way responsible for injury or economic loss which may arise in the case of war, warlike events, civil war, revolution or civil disturbances or because of the action of the authorities, strikes, lockouts, blockades, floods, fire, extreme weather conditions, transport disruption, or similar events.

ANY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS WILL BE DEALT WITH BY THE TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS AND MAY RESULT IN EXCLUSION FROM THE TOURNAMENT AND/OR ACCOMMODATION.