



WELCOME PACK!

Hello and welcome to our 11th Annual 6-a-side Tournament!

We're very much looking forward to seeing you as coaches, players and spectators over the weekend of 29th and 30th August 2026.

Within the next week, the named lead coach of each registered team will receive an email with a link to register your team, player names (**6 ONLY** in squad at U7, **9 ONLY** in squad at all other age groups U8-U16), player dates of birth, coach name and contact number ahead of the event. Please ensure you complete team sheet and submit the required information promptly receipt of the email.

On the day of tournament please arrive in plenty of time so that the **first game in your event** kicks off on time (see below). Upon arrival on the day, the lead coach of each team will need to visit the registration area / tent to confirm your team's attendance by presenting the 2-character check-in code you will have received when submitted the information above. Please notify us regarding any change of details for the coach attending with the team.

Kick-off times are:

9.00am (AM events)

1.45pm (PM events)

All teams **MUST** arrive **NO LATER than 20 minutes** before the above AM or PM kick-off time to help us kick-off on time. NOTE: there is **NO** pitch briefing due to the number of teams attending, therefore please ensure you read the tournament rules for information.

OVER THE WEEKEND THERE ARE OFTEN ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE ROMSEY AREA SO, ALLOW EXTRA TIME (PREFERABLY **ONE HOUR**) FOR YOUR JOURNEY.

QUEUES CAN ALSO FORM ON LUZBOROUGH LANE / A27 IF EVERYONE ARRIVES AT THE SAME TIME. HELP US PARK EVERYONE UP SAFELY AND ON TIME BY ARRIVING EARLY, BEING PATIENT AND FOLLOWING ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MARSHALLS.

Firstly, may I thank you for signing up to what will hope will be our most successful tournament so far with over 200 teams registered to play.

I would ask if anyone is thinking of dropping out and out of courtesy to other teams, give us as much warning as possible! Whilst we have a number of reserve teams listed to fill any spaces, some age groups have few or no reserve teams and we don't want events to be spoiled by late drop-outs or no-shows.

We have had teams failing to show up in previous years with some of them not even bothering to make contact. Teams that fail to make contact will not be admitted to future events.

As in previous years the venue for the event is Mountbatten School, Whitenap Lane, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 5SY.

As in recent years, the car parking provision is **NOT** via the normal school entrance at the address above. **Cars will not be admitted from Whitenap Lane. There are NO parking facilities in school grounds, if you try and gain access at the school entrance you'll be redirected.**

Parking is in the large field to the south of the venue off Luzborough Lane / A27. We shall be bringing vehicles in from the Ashfield Roundabout into the field situated immediately south of the facility. Whilst the parking will be marshalled and there will be signage erected on surrounding roads and junctions over both days, please consult the instruction document in advance for details of how to navigate to the field car park entry gate (via link below, also <https://what3words.com/encoded.eternally.prosper>).

Parking on the streets in and around the local neighbourhood is prohibited and you'll be asked to remove your vehicle.

If you are approaching from the direction of North Baddesley you will not be able to turn right into the field – you will be directed down to Ashfield Roundabout and then turn back up towards the venue. Marshalls will be on hand to direct you once in the field, but please limit speed for their and pedestrian safety.

Entry fee payment of £5 will be taken once you are in the field and a total of between 1 to 5 people per car can gain entry (same entry fee applies to groups on foot via the main school entrance). We accept cash as well as contactless/card payment for entry as well as at the BBQ and Refreshments Tents.

We have toilet facilities and sanitation stations on site and we would ask you to ensure that your teams use them responsibly to maintain a good level of hygiene for all.

In case of emergency on the day contact 07793 889202 or 07527 426315. We will have a medical team on site for both days at the medical tent. We would ask that all managers bring along their medical / first aid kit to deal with minor scrapes and knocks as you would provide as standard practice on matchdays.

For those of you who have entered these past few years, you will recall the beeslive.co.uk QR code visible around site. By scanning the code you can view live scores for your team, instant league positions, knockout rounds etc throughout the 2 days. Groupings and fixtures will be released on the 29th and 30th August prior to the day's events and NO earlier.

Use the bins provided for rubbish and note that **NO dogs, smoking/vaping, personal BBQs or alcohol are allowed anywhere on the premises (this is a school venue).**

Due to the heightened risk of grass fires this summer you are reminded that the no smoking rules extend across the entire site – field car park, school fields and all other school grounds. Smoking is only permitted outside the tournament site perimeter i.e. beyond the school gates to the north of the site on Whitenap Lane.

PLEASE advise your parents ahead of the event as this may lead to them being asked to leave the premises. Non-compliance with our requests may also lead to your club not being invited back to our event in future years.

Once again we are supporting Romsey Foodbank as our local charity. They perform a vital function particularly given the cost of living crisis. Please consider stopping by their stand or by visiting <https://romsey.foodbank.org.uk/> and making a donation if you can.

The U13, U14, U15 and U16 events will be playing on the school 4G (**pitches 1,2 and 3**). Please ensure players and coaches have suitable footwear (not flat trainers or metal studs). Players **must wear moulded, screw in round studs or astro football trainers on the 4G, but do bring footwear suitable for grass in case knockout games are played on grass pitches**. Details of "suitable" correct footwear for the 4G is in link below.

Due to the especially hot and dry weather we have had this summer the grass pitches will be firmer than usual. **Please consider carefully which may be the most appropriate footwear options for your players.** We recommend either moulded, screw in round studs or astro football trainers. **Flat trainers, blades or metal studs are not suitable and not permitted.**

As in previous years, DE Photos will be our official event photographers and on site to take photos over the 2 days of the events. If you have any safeguarding issues within your team, whereby a child cannot be photographed please advise ahead of the event. Otherwise, by entering the event you give Braishfield Bees Youth FC / DE Photos to use the photos taken from the event for advertising future events or for press releases and the like. Every effort is made to protect any player/s identity that are to be 'protected' however, we as a Club / official event photographers CANNOT take any responsibility of said photographs.

Throughout the 2 days we will be running refreshments stalls and an all-day BBQ (bacon baps for breakfast and burgers/hot dogs etc throughout the day). There will also be an ice cream van, donut and sweets stall, penalty shoot-out, futsal cards and to keep people amused.

Our Partners from Chelsea FC will be in attendance across the 2 days.

For further tournament information:

- Tournament Rules
- Directions to Venue
- Correct Footwear
- Risk Assessment
- FAQs

follow to <https://braishfieldbeesfc.co.uk/tournament/registrant-information/>

Any amendments or changes to this Welcome Pack will be notified to you via email.

Finally, please note this is first and foremost a fun event for children. If we as organisers make a mistake it is a genuine mistake and not intended to disadvantage you, your players or

your club. All the staff and marshalls on the day are Braishfield Bees volunteers - parents, coaches and club players. Be nice to them and follow the FA Respect Rules at all times.

See you soon and thanks for attending our tournament.

Regards, Michael

On behalf of the Tournament Committee