



Warrington Charter Standard Clubs **Rising 7's Fun Footy Festival 2008**

Saturday 19th July 2008 11a.m. to 4p.m.
at Crosfields Recreation Ground, Hood Lane, Warrington, WA5 1ET

The **5 Warrington F.A. Charter Standard Clubs** (*Crosfields JFC, Eagle JFC, Fife JFC, Winwick JFC & Woolston JFC*) are holding a **Fun Footy Festival** for their **Rising 7's** players.

All 5 Clubs are inviting their new 2008/09 Season U7's player to take part & come along with their families to enjoy a day of fun football!

We have **certificates & medals** for every player to thank them for taking part.

We hope to have a fun day of football – we have **BBQ's** running throughout the day selling **hot dogs & burgers**, refreshments will be available from our **Club House**, we have hired a **bouncy castle slide** & also have a **Penalty Shoot Out Competition** courtesy of The Targetizer – www.TheTargetizer.com

The idea behind our Festival is for our youngest of up & coming League players to experience the ethos of mini soccer in the correct way as per FA Law. We're all aware that these players will be experiencing their first taste of football against other Club sides as from 1st July 2008, when they officially become Under 7's players & are permitted to participate in matches as per FA policies.

It is felt that there is often too much pressure on very young players to 'win at all costs' & the ethos of participation & fun & enjoyment of our National sport can become lost in the process. Often players give up football as they feel under pressure in matches & it's a sad loss to our National game.

The ethos of our **Fun Footy Festival** will concentrate on the **players having a good time without any pressure to win**. Fixtures have been drawn up for the tournament to ensure that the day runs smoothly **but no scores will be kept**. All matches will be **10 minutes one way** & will start & finish simultaneously with a hooter. **Strictly no football scouts will be allowed**.

We are asking everyone to turn up for 11am. **A short talk for all parents will be given in the function room of our Club House at 11.15 am – this is compulsory for all parents of children taking part in the Festival**. Officials from the Liverpool County FA may be on hand during the Festival to give help & advice to anyone & to distribute literature regarding young footballers

We are asking all parents to support all of the children in the correct spirit of the game – please applaud all the children from both teams on the pitch for example if the opposition's goal keeper makes a good save or a player makes a good pass – please applaud them – they're all just kids wanting to play football & enjoy our National sport.

All spectators must remain behind the ropes at all times & are not allowed to enter the field of play unless invited to do so by the Referee. Please do not stand behind the goals.

Each club will be providing a **Junior Referee** to officiate – please note that the Referee is in charge of the games taking place & that their decisions should not be questioned. **Anyone barracking the Referee or not supporting all players in the correct spirit of the game will be asked to leave the venue.**

Team Managers may swap players around in the squads within their Club during the Festival. This is not to win matches but to try different combinations of players out in readiness for the new League season.

We hope that this will be a fun day for all of our young players & their families. We do hope that this Festival can be an annual event so that our youngest players & their families learn from the start the ethos of football & hopefully this will continue for generations to come & to leave a lasting legacy.

Fun Footy Festival Rules:-

1. All matches will be of 10 minutes duration 1 way
2. There will be a maximum of 10 minutes turnaround between matches
3. Players may be swapped around squads in their clubs
4. Team Managers to give all players equal playing time as possible
5. Absolutely no results will be kept or recorded
6. First Group matches to kick off at **12 p.m.** & 4 p.m. is the estimated finish time.
7. Teams can have no more than **10 players** in the squad – only 7 players, including the goalkeeper can be on the pitch at any one time.
8. **All players must wear shin guards.**
9. **All players must wear suitable footwear** – sturdy trainers are fine. Studded football boots may be worn. **Bladed football boots are not permitted.**
10. Players should dress according to the weather conditions ie. shorts & tshirt or tracksuit. Players are advised to bring a waterproof jacket in case of inclement weather.
11. Standard Mini-Soccer rules will be used with the exception of :-
 - a) Goal Keeper can pick the ball up from a back pass
 - b) Goal Keeper can kick the ball out of his hands
 - c) A player making a foul throw will be asked to take it again
 - d) Teams can make as many substitutions as they want to in any match – roll on roll off rules apply.
12. All players will receive a participation medal & certificate.
13. Respect the Referee & support all players
14. Crosfields Recreation Club's upstairs function room & downstairs bar will be open. Toilet facilities will be available.
15. **All muddy footwear must be removed before entering the Club House.**
16. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day.

Fun Footy Festival Format:-

Group 1 – boys & girls

- 1 Eagle Tigers
- 2 Crosfields Pumas
- 3 Fife Bears
- 4 **Winwick Leopards**
- 5 Woolston Lions
- 6 Crosfields Cheetahs

Group 2 – boys & girls

- 1 Eagle Cougars
- 2 Crosfields Jaguars
- 3 Fife Wolves
- 4 **Winwick Panthers**
- 5 Woolston Jackalls

Pitch 1

12:00 pm 1 v 3 Eagle Cougars v Fife Wolves
12:20 pm 2 v 3 Crosfields Pumas v Fife Bears
12:40 pm 5 v 6 Woolston Lions v Crosfields Cheetahs
1:00 pm 1 v 6 Eagle Tigers v Crosfields Cheetahs
1:20 pm 1 v 2 Eagle Cougars v Crosfields Jaguars
1:40 pm 3 v 5 Fife Bears v Woolston Lions
2:00 pm 4 v 6 **Winwick Leopards** v Crosfields Cheetahs
2:20 pm 3 v 5 Fife Wolves v Woolston Jackalls
2:40 pm 3 v 4 Fife Bears v **Winwick Leopards**
3:00 pm 1 v 4 Eagle Cougars v **Winwick Panthers**
3:20 pm 4 v 5 **Winwick Leopards** v Woolston Lions
3:40 pm 2 v 5 Crosfields Jaguars v Woolston Jackalls

Pitch 2

12:00 pm 3 v 6 Fife Bears v Crosfields Cheetahs
12:20 pm 1 v 4 Eagle Tigers v **Winwick Leopards**
12:40 pm 1 v 5 Eagle Cougars v Woolston Jackalls
1:00 pm 2 v 4 Crosfields Pumas v **Winwick Leopards**
1:20 pm 4 v 5 **Winwick Panthers** v Woolston Jackalls
1:40 pm 2 v 3 Crosfields Jaguars v Fife Wolves
2:00 pm 1 v 5 Eagle Tigers v Woolston Lions
2:20 pm 2 v 4 Crosfields Jaguars v **Winwick Panthers**
2:40 pm 2 v 5 Crosfields Pumas v Woolston Lions
3:00 pm 1 v 3 Eagle Tigers v Fife Bears
3:20 pm 3 v 4 Fife Wolves v **Winwick Panthers**
3:40 pm 1 v 2 Eagle Tigers v Crosfields Pumas

We all hope you have a good day & enjoy the experience.

Thank you for coming along & also for your support. Enjoy our 1st Fun Footy Festival!!

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