

## West Midlands Junior

### Champions League 2018/19

Welcome Back if you are reading this you are showing interest and hopefully ask you to join the ever expanding WMJCL your teams will love it.

Age groups for the 2018/19 season will be u7s, u8s, u9s & u10s. u7s and u8s will play 5aside with games being 20 minutes each way. with u9s and u10s playing 7aside with games being 25 minutes each way. Semi Finals and Finals playing times are 15 minutes each way 5v5 and 20mins Each 7v7.

Competition phases are NOT flexible and all games must be completed within the allotted time, failure to complete your fixtures may result in a points deduction, fine and/or expulsion from the WMJCL for the duration of the 2018/19 season.

There will be a max of 32 teams allowed to enter per age group, entries will be based on a first come first served basis, no spaces will be reserved and your space will not be confirmed until payment has been received.

Entry for this year's tournament is £40.00.

#### The Format

The initial group stage will consist of 8 groups of 4 teams, teams will play each other both home and away all games in this phase must be completed no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The draw will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September at the Venue Royal British Legion, Vicarage Rd, Wolverhampton, WV11 1SF.

The top two teams will go in to the champions league, with teams in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> going in to the Europa league. The winner of Group A will play the runner up of Group B. The team finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Group A will play the runner up of group B, Group C v Group D etc etc.

The last 16 will be over 2 legs with games being played no later than the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The winner of match 1 will play the winner of match 2. Match 3 v match 4 etc etc.

Winning teams will move in to the quarter final stage which will again be a two legged tie, the winner of Match 1 and Match 2 will play the winner of Match 3 and 4 etc etc. Games must be completed no later than the 01<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019.

Winning teams will then move on to the Semi Finals and finals Day, the finals day will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

In the knockout stages Away goals do not count, ties which are level after the two legs will then go in to a 5 minute each way ET scenario. If the game is still tied a best of 5 penalty shootout will be used to decide the tie with sudden death used if required.

### Schedule

**Registration deadline - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

**Group Draw – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

**Group Stage – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Last 16 – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Quarter finals – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018- 01<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019**

**Semi Finals & Finals –18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Games can be played AHEAD of schedule if teams are aware of who they will be facing in the next round. For example if the winner of a last 16 game 1 and the winner of game 2 home and away are decided by the 27<sup>th</sup> March, they can play their Quarter final game on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Closing date for registrations is 21st September with the Draw for the groups being the 22nd September.

The format is subject to change dependent on the final numbers we receive for each age group.

We are going to ask all the managers about the new rule being rolled out by the FA "Power Play" is designed to add an extra player to the field of play if the opposition are winning by more than 4-0 for 5v5 and 7v7 formats.

This could Help managers in the WMJCL to remain competitive.