

THE PRIMA TIGER CUP
SEASON 2008/2009

INFORMATION PACK

The competition shall be known as the Prima Tiger Cup and is open to clubs by invitation only.

AGE GROUP

Strictly Under 10, although the Continuum allows for combined age groups where there are small numbers, only genuine U10s will be allowed in this competition. However consideration will be given to official RFU dispensation, where held.

REGISTRATION

All players must be registered through the Rugby Football Union Youth Registration Scheme with the participating club, prior to the **October 7th, 2008**. Any player joining after the October 7th, 2008 may be deemed to be "cup tied", and can only play at the discretion of the organisers. RFU photographic registration cards should be available on request.

CONTINUUM

The festival and knockout fixtures will count towards a player's Continuum allocation. These are not extra games.

THE FESTIVAL

The area festival will be hosted by **Stoke RFC** on behalf of the Tigers on **Sunday, October 19th, 2008**. Details regarding start times etc will be distributed at a later date.

For all games, squads will consist of 13 players. We envisage there are hopefully at least three league fixtures for each club and so you should be able to accommodate more than 13 players if necessary.

Referees- we will request each participating club to provide a referee.

Studs **MUST** conform to RFU regulations.

Head and safety gear **MUST** conform to RFU regulations.

Festival Competition Rules

This is a qualifying competition for the knockout stages of the Prima Tiger Cup. One team will qualify.

The competition will initially be run in leagues, and if necessary will then progress to knockout rounds to establish the qualifier for the latter stages of the competition at Welford Road

Playing squads will consist of 13 players per game. Obviously if you have more than 13 players in your overall squad, because there is more than one game, playing squads can be changed for each game should you wish.

Five points will be awarded for each win and Two for a draw.

In the event of teams having equal points when the league games are complete, then final positions will be decided on the following basis:

1. The team that has scored the most tries. Should these be the same then....
2. The team that has conceded the least tries. Should these be the same then....
3. The scores between the sides involved (a) at full time, and should these be the same, (b) at half time.
4. We must have a set position in each league to determine qualifiers, so if all the above are equal then the league positions will be decided by the toss of a coin.

THE PRIMA TIGER CUP **KNOCKOUT STAGES**

All these games will be played at Welford Road as a complement to a 1ST XV fixture. At present, because fixtures have not yet been released we cannot give an exact date when the games will be played. Consequently quarter-final, semi-final and final dates will be released as soon as they are known. However it is anticipated that most of the games will take place on Saturdays.

Please note that detailed instructions will be given to the qualifying teams, but basic details for this part of the competition are:

- (a) Age Group – Strictly Under 10.
- (b) Match squads will consist of 13 players and two coaches. Match day tickets will be provided.
- (c) Any parent or supporter wishing to enter Welford Road will have to purchase a match day ticket. These are subject to availability.

- (d) Matches will normally be played as a curtain raiser before the 1ST XV game. However, Tigers reserve the right to play the game after the 1ST XV game, should conditions dictate. This would normally be due to inclement weather (water logged pitch?) or television scheduling. This is a decision taken by Tigers and we have no control over the timing, however over all the years the Prima Tiger Cup has been played at Welford Road, the number of occasions that this has occurred has been minimal.
- (e) All players must come in full kit and track suits
- (f) Studs MUST conform to current RFU regulations.
- (g) Head and safety gear MUST conform to current RFU regulations.
- (h) All games will count towards a player's Continuum allocation. They are not extra games and care must be taken to ensure that players do not exceed their allowed fixture allocation.
- (i) The only persons allowed on the pitch are the 13 squad members and the two coaches.
- (j) In the event of the Tigers 1ST XV game being postponed, the Prima Tiger Cup fixture will be re-scheduled.

We have mentioned that parents and supporters must purchase a match day ticket. These are subject to availability and we recommend that you make provision for the purchase of tickets as soon as you know your club has qualified. Would you please make this clear to everybody.

In the past we have had requests for admission just to see the Prima Tiger Cup game. Unfortunately such requests have to be declined because of match day ground safety regulations.

Would you also make it perfectly clear to all parents and supporters that game scheduling may be altered, and that the decision for this is taken in the interest of safety for the participants, by the Leicester Football Club Plc.

If you have any queries relating to this please contact Eric Barker on 01455 554335, or e-mail ericbarker@hotmail.co.uk.

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ENTRY FORM

To: **Eric Barker**
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Please enter our Under 10 Squad into the Prima Tiger Cup Qualifying Festival to be held at **Stoke RFC** on **Sunday, October 19th, 2008**.

We agree to abide by the rules and conditions of this competition and the rules and conditions of the knockout stages to be held at Welford Road.

Signed _____

For _____ Rugby Football Club

Please note that the last date for entries is **October 5th, 2008**.

Under 10 Details

Contact Name: _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code: _____

Tel No: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of Volunteer Referee: _____