



U8 & U10 FINALS DAYS

SATURDAY MAY 17th, 2025

MINEHEAD AFC

The Recreation Ground
Irnham Road
Minehead
TA24 5DP

Managers Meeting – 1:45 pm

Kick Off – 2:00 pm

Sponsored By:





U8 Teams

Under 8 – Cup

1	U8 Isle of Wedmore FC - Herons
3	U8 Wembdon FC - Dragons

2	U8 Ruishton FC - Rooks
4	U8 Galmington Dragons FC - Raiders

Under 8 – Plate

U8 Ruishton FC - Rams

1	U8 Minehead AFC - Pirates
3	U8 Bridgwater VPR FC - Eagles

2	U8 Kingsdown Knights FC
4	U8 Ruishton FC - Rams

Under 8 – Bowl

1	U8 Wembdon FC - Saints
3	U8 Bishops Lydeard FC - Panthers

2	U8 Tone Youth FC - Hornets
4	U8 Staplegrove FC - Sinners

U10 Teams

Under 10 – Cup

1	U10 Bridgwater Wolves FC - Wolf Pack
3	U10 Galmington Dragons FC - Raiders

2	U10 Staplegrove FC - Sinners
4	U10 Wembdon FC Dragons

Under 10 – Plate

1	U10 Bishops Lydeard FC - Panthers
3	U10 Wellington FC - Lions

2	U10 Tone Youth FC - Hornets
4	U10 Bridgwater VPR FC - Hawks

Under 10 – Bowl

1	U10 Watchet FC - Buccaneers
3	U10 Ruishton FC - Rebels

2	U10 Isle of Wedmore FC - Herons
4	U10 Huish Tigers FC - Oranges



U8 CUP / PLATE / BOWL FINALS

(All games 10 min each way, 20 min total, max 5 minutes allowed for half time)

U8 Managers meeting at 1:45 pm.

U8 SEMI FINALS			
Time	Pitch 1 – U8 Bowl Semi Final 1	Pitch 2 – U8 Plate Semi Final 1	Pitch 3 – U8 Cup Semi Final 1
14:00	U8 Tone Youth FC - Hornets	U8 Minehead AFC - Pirates	U8 Wembdon FC - Dragons
	v	v	v
	U8 Bishops Lydeard FC - Panthers	U8 Bridgwater VPR FC - Eagles	U8 Ruishton FC - Rooks
Time	Pitch 1 – U8 Bowl Semi Final 2	Pitch 2 – U8 Plate Semi Final 2	Pitch 3 – U8 Cup Semi Final 2
14:30	U8 Staplegrove FC - Sinners	U8 Kingsdown Knights FC	U8 Galmington Dragons FC - Raiders
	v	v	v
	U8 Wembdon FC - Saints	U8 Ruishton FC - Rams	U8 Isle of Wedmore FC - Herons

U8 FINALS			
Time	Pitch 1 – U8 Bowl 3 rd / 4 th Place	Pitch 2 – U8 Plate 3 rd / 4 th Place	Pitch 3 – U8 Cup 3 rd / 4 th Place
15:00			
	v	v	v
Time	Pitch 1 – U8 Bowl Final	Pitch 2 – U8 Plate Final	Pitch 3 – U8 Cup Final
15:30			
	v	v	v

Trophies and Medals will be at approx. 4:15 pm



U10 CUP / PLATE / BOWL FINALS

(All games 15 min each way, 30 min total, max 5 minutes allowed for half time)

U10 Managers meeting at 1:45 pm.

U10 SEMI FINALS			
Time	Pitch 4 – U10 Bowl Semi Final 1	Pitch 5 – U10 Plate Semi Final 1	Pitch 6 – U10 Cup Semi Final 1
14:00	U10 Ruishton FC - Rebels	U10 Bishops Lydeard FC - Panthers	U10 Wembdon FC Dragons
	v	v	v
	U10 Watchet FC - Buccaneers	U10 Bridgwater VPR FC - Hawks	U10 Galmington Dragons FC - Raiders
Time	Pitch 4 – U10 Bowl Semi Final 2	Pitch 5 – U10 Plate Semi Final 2	Pitch 6 – U10 Cup Semi Final 2
14:40	U10 Isle of Wedmore FC - Herons	U10 Tone Youth FC - Hornets	U10 Bridgwater Wolves FC - Wolf Pack
	v	v	v
	U10 Huish Tigers FC - Oranges	U10 Wellington FC - Lions	U10 Staplegrove FC - Sinners

U10 FINALS			
Time	Pitch 4 – U10 Bowl 3 rd / 4 th Place	Pitch 5 – U10 Plate 3 rd / 4 th Place	Pitch 6 – U10 Cup 3 rd / 4 th Place
15:30			
	v	v	v
Time	Pitch 4 – U10 Bowl Final	Pitch 5 – U10 Plate Final	Pitch 6 – U10 Cup Final
16:10			
	v	v	v

Trophies and Medals will be at approx. 5pm



This competition will be played in accordance with the FA Mini Soccer rules.

1: Playing Phase

Not applicable

2: Playing Area

Kick offs are from the centre mark on the halfway line.

Retreat line: the team without the ball moves back to the halfway line for a goal kick.

Goal sizes: the goal size for Mini-Soccer is 12ft x 6ft.

3: The Ball

- The ball should be size 3 - U7/U8/U9/U10
- It should be safe and made of leather or another suitable material.

4: Number of Players

Maximum number per team, including goalkeeper.

- U7 and U8 - 5v5 (with a squad of ten or less)
- U9 and U10 - 7v7 (with a squad of fourteen or less)

Roll off roll on substitutions can be made at any time during the game with **permission from the referee**, including players who have already been substituted.

5: Playing Equipment

Children cannot play Development Football without shin pads.

These should be covered entirely by knee length socks.

Goalkeepers should wear a different coloured shirt to the rest of the team.

Footwear should be appropriate for the playing surface – no metal studs on three and AGP pitches.

If the weather is poor then players should wear appropriate clothing, but hoodies are not allowed.

6: Match Officials

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws for Mini-Soccer relating to the match to which they have been appointed.

All referees should recognise their role is to facilitate learning of the players, for example, allow young children to take a second attempt at a throw-in if the first is not within the Laws.

Assistant referees are not required.



7: Duration of the Game

In any one day, no player shall play more than

- 40 minutes for U7 / U8
- 60 minutes for U9 / U10

The half time interval must not exceed **5 minutes**.

8: Start and Restart of Play

A kick-off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored.

Opponents must be 5 yards away from the ball and in their own half of the field. The ball can be played in any direction. In Mini-Soccer a goal **cannot** be scored directly from a kick off or from a drop ball.

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In special circumstances a drop ball is used to restart the game, such as after an injury.

If the game has stopped with the ball in the penalty area, the drop ball should be taken on the penalty area line.

9: Ball in and Out of Play

The goal line and touchlines are part of the field of play. The ball must be entirely over these lines to be out of play.

If an attacker is the last player to touch the ball over the goal line, a goal kick is given. The opposing team retreats to the halfway line.

If a defender is the last player to touch the ball over the goal line, a corner kick is given.

If a player touches the ball over the touchline, a throw in is given to the opposing team.

10: Method of Scoring

A goal is scored when the ball completely crosses the goal line between the posts and under the crossbar of the goal.

If a foul or hand ball occurs the goal shall be disallowed.

11: Offside

There is **no** offside rule.

12: Fouls and Misconduct



Free kicks are awarded when a foul is committed as in older age football.

In Mini-Soccer all free kicks are direct.

A goalkeeper is not allowed to pick the ball up from a back pass or a throw in.

If this happens a free kick should be given on the penalty area line closest to where the incident occurs.

Coaches in training, and referees on the day, should try to make sure the children understand the above.

13: Free Kicks

For all free kicks opponents must be five yards from the ball.

14: Penalty Kicks

If a foul is committed in the penalty area by a defender a penalty kick will be awarded.

All players except the defending goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least 5 yards from the penalty mark.

The ball must be kicked forward.

15: Throw-in

U7 to U9 Age Groups

When the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, on the ground or in the air, instead of a throw-in, a pass-in or dribble-in is awarded.

A kicker taking a pass-in may choose to touch the ball again before it is touched by another player

At the moment of delivering the ball: The ball must be stationary on the touchline at the point where it left the pitch; only the kicker may be off the pitch.

All opponents must stand at least 5 yards from the point on the touchline where the pass-in or dribble-in is to be taken.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a pass-in.

U10 Age Group

If a player touches the ball out of play over the touchline a throw in is awarded to the opposition.

Throw ins can be a difficult technique to learn for younger players so retakes are allowed. Referees should offer guidance to help children learn the game.



16: Goal Kick

If an attacking player kicks the ball over the goal line a goal kick is awarded to the defending team.

A goal kick can be taken from any point within the penalty area and by any player from the team with the ball.

The ball must leave the penalty area to be in play. If this does not happen the kick can be retaken.

The team without the ball must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play. This is known as the Retreat Line.

Once the ball is in play, the team without the ball can try and win it back.

17: Corner Kicks

The opposing players must remain at least 5 yards from the ball until it is in play.

The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does, a free kick is awarded against them.

The ball is in play immediately when it enters the field of play.

CUP FINAL RULES

The referee will keep a record of the score on a score card and return the score card to the result tent upon completion of each game.

In the event of a tie after normal time:

- The winner shall be decided by the best of 3 penalties.
- If this still does not decide the result, then the winner will be the best of sudden death penalties.

A message from the League

The league kindly request that all teams and supporters remain at the venue for the presentation of medals for your age group.

Players for 3rd and 4th teams will receive a participation medal.

All Winners and runners up will receive a medal.



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INFORMATION

The car park behind Minehead AFC is **pay and display**.

All Managers **must** attend the **Managers Meeting** / All **Players must be re-registered** before playing using the online form found on the league website.

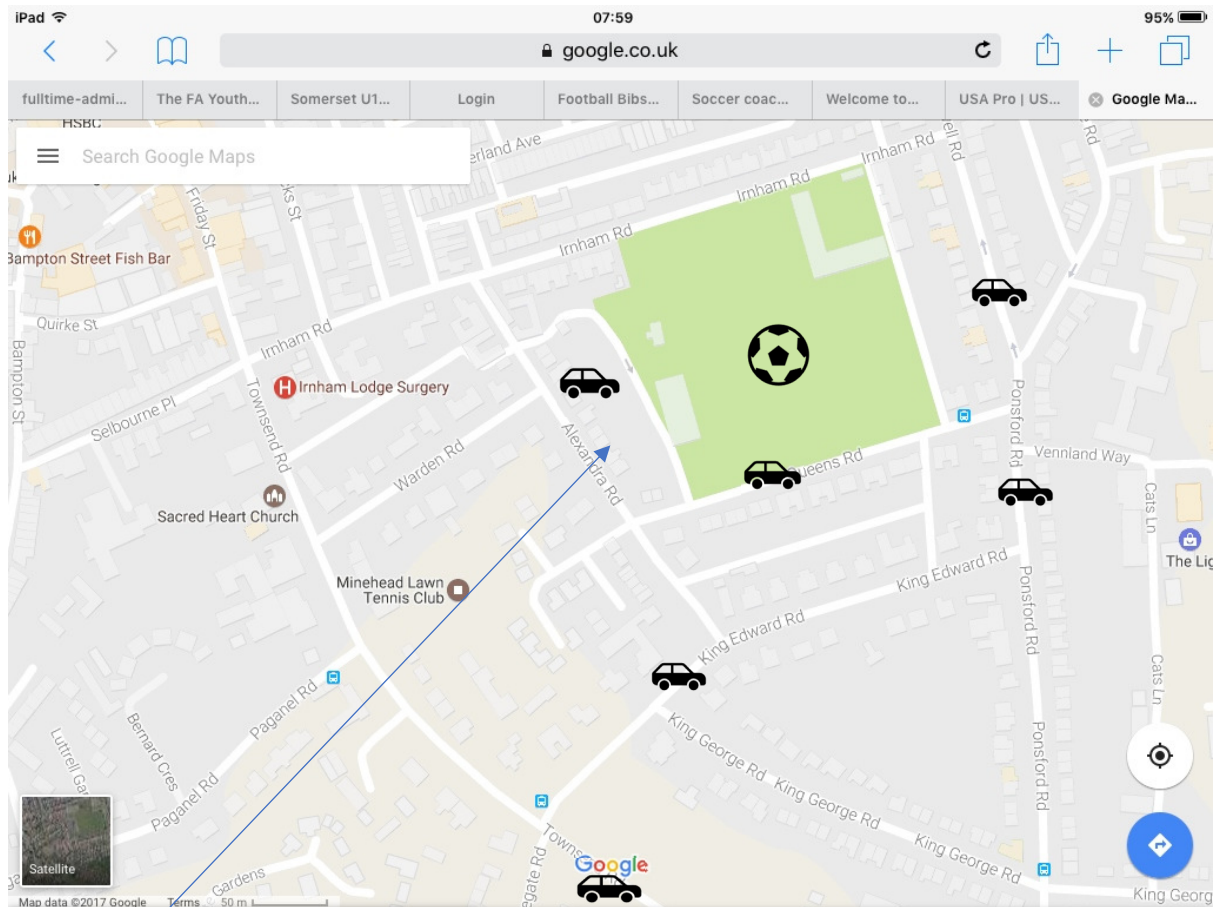
Teas, Coffees, a selection of food and snack are available to purchase on the day.

The Taunton Youth League would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to **MINEHEAD AFC** for the use of their ground and facilities.

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to all the **LEAGUE SPONSORS** who have helped make this day possible.

And a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the **MATCH DAY OFFICIALS** and **LEAGUE STAFF** for making it a great finals day.

MAP



The car park adjacent to Football Club is **pay and display**. Please ensure you park within the marked bays and put a ticket in your car.

The Football Club does not have any spaces or control over this area.



Alternative street parking close by is shown on the map – Queens Road, Ponsford Road, Tregonwell Road, King Edward Road and Townsend Road.

Please make sure you park sensibly allowing residents access to their property.

ENTER from car Park.
(Pay and Display)

Presentation of Trophies

Toilets / Café / Results Tent / Managers Meeting

Basketball
hoop / Goal

Pitch 6 - (U9/U10)

7v7
Cup

Pitch size (50 x 30 yds) / (60 x 40 yds)

Pitch 3 - (U7/U8)

5v5
Cup

Pitch size (30 x 20 yds) / (40 x 30 yds)

Presentation
Area.

Pitch 5 - (U9/U10)

7v7
Plate

Pitch size (50 x 30 yds) / (60 x 40 yds)

Pitch 4 - (U9/U10)

7v7
Bowl

Pitch size (50 x 30 yds) / (60 x 40 yds)

ENTER
from road.

Pitch 1 - (U7/U8)

5v5
Bowl

Pitch size (30 x 20 yds) /
(40 x 30 yds)

Pitch 2 - (U7/U8)

5v5
Plate

Pitch size (30 x 20 yds) /
(40 x 30 yds)

Respect
Barriers.

Play Area

Brick Building

Notes:

Pitch size:
(Min) / (Max)