



# Victoria Football Cup 2019

4th June – 14th June

## GAME RULES

1. If an opposing team withdraws from the competition or fails to turn up on time, the Victoria & Westminster BIDs will, in the first instance, attempt to substitute the team with a team on the waiting list. If no substitute can be found, the present team will be through on a Bye.
2. All players must wear the correct playing equipment. These are sport shirts, sport shorts and sport socks (no other outdoor clothing will be permitted, i.e. jeans, trousers or work shirts). Additionally, all goalkeepers are advised to wear sport tracksuit bottoms and goal keeping gloves (gloves will be provided by Victoria & Westminster BIDs). Correct footwear must be worn by all players. These are trainers/ astro turf shoes – no boots
3. Teams will be required to wear coloured bibs. These will be provided by Victoria & Westminster BIDs.
4. Each match consists of two halves, 20 minutes each.
5. Half time will be 5 minutes unless teams agree to carry on playing after a shorter half-time. Teams are responsible for their own refreshments.
6. Substitutions may take place throughout the game providing the referee be informed before the start of the match.
7. In case of injury, the game will be stopped and the substitution completed before the game resumes. Play will commence with a free kick.
8. If the referee deems a foul has taken place, the game will restart with an indirect free kick. The opposition player must be at least 2 meters away from the free kick taker.
9. If the ball goes out of play, the game will be restarted with a free kick to the opposition (deemed by the referee) from the point on the side line from where the ball went out. Again, the opposition player must be at least 2 meters away from the free kick taker.
10. If the referee deems a player to have made a dangerous foul or to have used abusive language, then this player will be sent off and that team will play the rest of the match without that player (no substitution may take place), not being allowed to take part any more of that match. An indirect free kick will be given to the opposition player from where the incident took place.
11. The ball will remain under shoulder height at all times. If the ball goes above shoulder height (referee's shoulder), the game will be stopped and the opposition (deemed by the referee) will begin play again from an indirect free kick.
12. No one, other than the goal keeper, is allowed to enter the goal keepers segment of the pitch. If a defending player enters the segment a penalty kick will be awarded.
13. If a member of the attacking team enters the goal keepers segment, the game will be stopped and an indirect free kick awarded to the defending team from the point of which the attacker entered the segment.
14. The goal keeper is permitted to leave the goal keeping segment but may not use his/her hands once this happens.
15. If the match is tied when the time is over, the match will be decided by sudden death penalties.
16. The referee's decision is always final and will not be questioned.
17. Interpretation of the rules is at the sole discretion of the referee.

**PLEASE NOTE**

- The Victoria Football Cup 2019 will take place at Queen Mother Sports Centre, 223 Vauxhall Bridge Rd, London, SW1V 1EL. All matches will be played between the hours of 6pm and 7.35pm.
- Changing facilities and toilets are available on site.
- The event is free to take part in.
- Prizes will be fixed for teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Cup.
- By entering the competition you agree to your business name and match outcomes to be used by Victoria & Westminster BIDs for marketing and promotional purposes both printed and online.

**ANY QUESTIONS?**

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