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## Bishops Cleeve Colts FC – Football Festival 2023

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Bishops Cleeve FC, Kayte Lane, Bishops Cleeve, nr Cheltenham, GL52 3PD

Dear Grassroots Manager,

Only a month to go until the BCC FC Football Festival 2023! We hope you enjoy the summer until then, and that we can put on a good event for you all. Joining instructions are detailed below, supplemented by the festival information site, accessible through the link below, or by scanning the QR code to the right:

• https://bishopscleevecolts.co.uk/homepage/2023-football-festival/

**Travel to the Festival and Parking** 

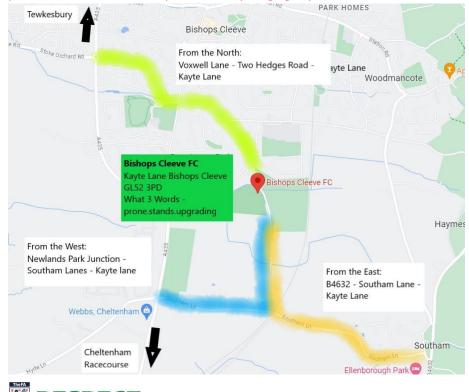
Car parks open from 08:00. To help minimise congestion, please car share where possible, and aim to arrive early to avoid the rush.

Parking for most will be in Cutbridge Meadow, off Kayte Lane, Bishops Cleeve, GL52 8AL. Parking for blue badge holders is at Bishops Cleeve FC in the front car park, off Kayte Lane, Bishops Cleeve, GL52 3PD. Please let us know on arrival:

- https://bishopscleevecolts.co.uk/football-festival-disabled-parking-at-cutbridge-meadow/
- https://bishopscleevecolts.co.uk/football-festival-disabled-parking-at-the-bishops-cleeve-fc/

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
08:00-09:15, arrivals, team registrations	08:00-09:15, arrivals, team registrations
09:30-11:45 fixtures, 12:00-12:30 finals	09:30-11:45 fixtures, 12:00-12:30 finals
12:45-13:00 presentations	12:45-13:00 presentations
(U9, U11 Boys / Mixed : U9, U11, U15 Girls)	(U14, U16 Boys / Mixed : U12, U13, U16 Girls)
12:30-13:45, arrivals, team registrations	12:30-13:45, arrivals, team registrations
14:00-16:15 fixtures, 16:30-17:00 finals	14:00-16:15 fixtures, 16:30-17:00 finals
17:15-17:30 presentations	17:15-17:30 presentations
(U8, U10, U15 Boys / Mixed : U8 Girls)	(U12, U13, U18 Boys / Mixed : U10, U14 Girls)

Some age groups will extend later than the planned 17:30 presentations, to accommodate all the entrants where feasible. See published fixtures online for specific details per age group.



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Teams arriving for morning sessions may wish to arrive from the North, to avoid parking queues along Southam Lane for a regular local car boot sale.

Please drive carefully on local roads.

Please drive carefully when approaching the club, participants will be crossing the road from the overflow parking opposite the Kayte Lane site.

Please do not park in the parish sportsfield car park off Cheltenham Road, there is no longer any access directly from the parish sportsfield and the Kayte Lane site.





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Site Access, Layout & Facilities

There is an entrance fee of £3.00 per family attending, to include a printed Festival programme.

We expect to be able to take payment both by cash and by contactless card.

Sorry – Dogs are not permitted at our Festival – please inform your parents and supporters

**CRITICAL NOTICE for U8 Boys & Girls, U9 Boys & Girls, U12 Girls, U13 Girls, U10 Girls, U14 Girls.** You are our show-case age groups!!! You will be playing on the new 3G All-Weather-Pitch. Footwear restrictions apply to all players and team officials who will enter the AWP area.

### Players and Team Officials with incorrect footwear will not be allowed to enter the AWP playing area.

Plastic studs are permitted - Artificial Grass 'AG' boots (round studs) are best, Firm Ground 'FG' boots are OK.

- Pimpled or Flat soles are not permitted 'Astroturf' or Indoor boots damage, by flattening, the 3G playing surface over time.
  - Blades <u>are not</u> permitted Blades provide too much grip and may be an injury risk.
  - Metal studs are not permitted Usually Soft Ground 'SG' boots they directly damage the 3G playing surface. Spectators will watch from the hard standing areas outside the fence around the AWP playing area.



Blades X

Metal Studs X

There will be toilets, and food and drinks vendors on site, and both general waste and recycling bins. Please respect the site and facilities and separate and recycle your waste using the bins provided.

There should be ample space around the outside of the grass pitches should you wish to bring gazebos to give your players and supporters a covered / shaded area between matches.

Please do feel free to bring water or other drinks for player hydration, particularly if the weather will be hot. Likewise, if the forecast is for strong sun, please do advise all your players and supporters to bring sun-cream and hats, rather than risk sunburn or sunstroke.







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#### **Team Registration**

Team registration will be open from 08:0am – at the control point in Mitre's Grill next to the clubhouse. Please could you ensure that you arrive and register your team in good time. A registration form accompanies this information and can be downloaded at the linked information site. Paper copies will be available at the Control Point.

Please remember to collect your players' dates of birth in advance – we do need to check their age group entry is correct.

### Age groups as per the 2022/23 season will apply. Strictly no school of excellence or academy players will be permitted to play.

Age Groups	Format
Boys / Mixed U8, Girls U8	5 v 5 festival (max. 8 players per squad)
Boys / Mixed U9, U10 and U11, Girls U9, U10 and U11	7 v 7 competition (max. 10 players per squad)
Boys / Mixed U12, U13 and U14, Girls U12, U13 and U14	6 v 6 competition (max. 9 players per squad)
Boys / Mixed U15, U16, Girls U15, U16	5 v 5 competition (max. 8 players per squad)







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### Fixtures, Rules, Results

Group games will have a 5 minute gap, or less, between fixtures, so please arrive at the pitch in good time to start your fixtures promptly.

The Festival Rules accompany this information and can be downloaded at the linked information site.

Match results will be sent by SMS to the Control Point by the referees.

Results and division tables will be published via the linked web-site.

#### **Respect, Referees and Volunteers**

All of our referees and volunteers will be working hard over the whole weekend, so please let them know if you're having fun!

To that end, all of you managers from our guests teams will be working hard too, so please remind all your team officials, players and supporters to observe the FA Respect Code of conduct: <u>https://bishopscleevecolts.co.uk/homepage/about-us/#tve-jump-1735dba1120</u>. All entrants have accepted the Respect Code of Conduct as part of the application form. BCC FC do reserve the right to ask individuals and/or teams to leave the competition and the site in case of severe breach of that code of conduct.

#### In the event of an emergency

Most of the team officials in attendance at the festival will hold a current FA first aid certificate but should you require further assistance you will be able to call the control point and we will send our roving stewards to help. An emergency plan for the site accompanies this information and can be downloaded at the linked information site (see QR code at the head of this document).

Please send any other questions by email to tournament@bishopscleevecolts.co.uk, or secretary@bishopscleevecolts.co.uk

Kind regards, Ian Fletcher, Festival Coordinator, Bishops Cleeve Colts FC



