Competition Rules & Details

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Competition Format

Qualifying Stage

The qualifying stage will be drawn prior to the start of the competition and will be available online at www.oldowensfc.co.uk. There will be four groups of 5 or 6 teams. Each team will play each other in its group once.

Three points will be awarded for a win and 1 for a draw. Positions will be determined by the following criteria:

1) Points scored
2) Goal Difference
3) Goals Scored

The top two teams from each group qualify for the Cup competition and the third and fourth placed teams will be entered into the Old Owens 6’s Shield. The bottom four teams will be excluded from the remainder of the competition.

Knockout Stage

The knockout stages for both competitions will consist of three rounds. The winning teams will progress whilst the losing team will be knocked out of the competition. In the event of a draw the game will be decided on penalties.
Qualifying Round

Format – Four or five games per team
Qualifying – Top 2 to Cup, 3rd and 4th to Shield
Duration of game – 15 minutes in 5-team groups, 12 minutes in 6-team groups (no half time)

Quarter Finals

Format – Four games
Qualifying – Winning teams to proceed
Duration of game – 15 minutes – no half time

Semi Finals

Format – Two games
Qualifying – Winning teams to proceed
Duration of game – 15 minutes – no half time

Final

Format – One Game
Qualifying – Winning team receive ‘Old Owens 6’s Cup or Shield’
Duration of game - 15 minutes – no half time
Welcome

I should like to extend a warm welcome to the participants and supporters of today’s special celebratory football tournament.

The 400th anniversary of Dame Alice Owen’s School has seen several ‘big events’ this year, including an Albert Hall Concert, a service at St Paul’s, a football match against The Arsenal Academy and a cricket match against The MCC.

After having taught at the school since 1979 I am regularly asked questions such as, “Who is the best Owen’s footballer you have coached?” or “Who was your best ever Owen’s goalkeeper?”

The discussion normally follows on to “How good was our years’ football team in comparison to others?” This is where it gets difficult, and I have to show some diplomacy. After all we have won 22 Hertfordshire Schools County Cups and one ESFA National Cup since moving here from Islington in 1975.

After today’s tournament I should hopefully be able to answer that question with a bit more evidence and assurance.

Thanks especially to John Sullivan for organizing the competition and also to anyone else who has helped in any way. I hope that everyone enjoys their day here at the delightful Old Owen’s Association Ground.

Let the games begin!

Ian Breeze
Director of Sport
Dame Alice Owen’s School

Penalty Shoot-Out

The format of the penalty shoot-outs shall be as follows:-

- A toss of the coin shall decide who takes the first penalty, the loser of the toss of the coin may choose ends.
- Three different players from each side shall be nominated to take the penalties. The team to score the most penalties will progress.
- If after three penalties the teams are level, the game will go to sudden death. All uninjured players must take a penalty before a player can take a second penalty. This includes goalkeepers.

Abandoned Matches

If a match has to be abandoned the offending team will be deemed to have lost the game 0-3 or the score at the time the game was abandoned if the aggregate score is greater than 3.

If the game is abandoned for the actions of both teams the score shall be deemed a 0-0 draw. If at the end of the league stage, any teams have been the cause of an abandoned game and are tied on points and goal difference, then they will forfeit their place in the next round.
I would like to say a big thanks to the captains for organising and the players involved today for turning out for this special celebratory football tournament.

The 400th anniversary of Dame Alice Owen’s School is as good a reason as any for the great, good and indifferent footballers to come together in a reunion to determine who the greatest ever year was. Of course such comparisons will always wrangle on and the legs may have gone on some of the 1990’s leavers whilst the more recent leavers are surely too raw to mount a challenge.

The favourites must be the Class of 2011, captained by Party Animal Josh Thomson and containing many of the team that won the ESFA Cup as Year 9 in 2007. Other contenders include the Class of 2003 (David Breeze) and the Class of 2005 (Iain Salt) who not only had strong years but should now be in their playing prime.

Although a cliché, of course today is not about the winning but the taking part. Although we have inevitably had some late drop outs but to have got 14 entrants from the last 20 school years is pretty impressive. It is testament to the calibre of pupils that Owens produces that so many have made the effort and are proud to return to celebrate it being 400 years since Dame Alice just missed being taken out by that arrow. Without meaning to sound too sentimental, Owens is a special school that we should all be proud to have attended and to be playing a part of its history today.

Special thanks to those who have helped me organise this event; Paul Kennedy, Ian Breeze and Adam Cotton for digging into the picture archives and finding teams last minute random players.

Cautions & Sending Offs

Any player that is cautioned shall leave the field of play for 2 minutes or to the end of the game whichever is less (the two minute period will be increased to 3 minutes in the knock out stages). The ‘sin bin’ period will be exclusive of stoppage time.

Any player sent off shall miss the remainder of that match and the following game, except in cases of violent conduct (against an opponent or the referee) where suspension will be increased to cover the remainder of the tournament.

Players suspended from games shall present themselves to the referee before the game(s) in which they are suspended such that the referee can ensure the suspension has been served. Failure to do so could lead to a side being excluded from the remainder of the tournament.

Any VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR between teams will result in both sides being EXPELLED from the competition

Any player / team found using DRUGS will be immediately expelled from the competition and escorted off the premises

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Competition Rules

**Owens 6-a-side tournament**

The laws of the game of association football shall apply with the exception of the following:

**Law 1: Field Of Play**

The field of play will be 60m long by 40m wide.

Penalty spot – a penalty spot shall be placed 6m from the centre of each goal

**Law 3: No. of Players**

a) The match shall be played by two teams consisting of not more than 6 players, one of whom will be a goalkeeper and four named substitutes

b) The maximum number of players allowed on the filed at any one time is six per team (penalty for infringement – penalty against the team fielding more than six players)

c) The number of substitutes permitted during the game is unlimited. Teams should get permission from the referee before making substitutes. Players entering the field may only do so once the retiring player has left the field of play and must enter the field of play at the half way line. (Penalty for infringement – indirect free kick).
**Law 4: Players Equipment**

Players equipment shall be as prescribed by the laws of the game with the exception of footwear which shall be light footwear without blades or studs. Moulded boots are allowed. Shin pads must be worn and both rules will be strictly enforced by the referees and management committee.

**Law 7: Duration of the Game**

The duration of the game will vary dependant on the stage of the competition. (See competition format)

**Law 9: Start Of Play**

a) Play shall be started by a kick off from the centre point.

b) After a goal has been scored, the game shall be restarted by kick-off from the centre point by the side that has just conceded a goal.

**Law 9: Ball In And Out Of Play**

The ball shall be deemed in play at all times from the start of the game unless:-

a) The whole of the ball crosses the goal line or the touch line.

b) The game has been stopped by the referee

When the whole ball passes over the touchline either on the ground or in the air, it shall be returned in accordance with revised law 15 (see below)

When the ball leaves the field via the goal-line it shall be returned via a corner if the last person to touch the ball was a defender (not including the goalie), otherwise it shall be returned by the goalie.

When the last person to touch the ball before leaving the field of play is the goalkeeper, it shall be returned to the goalkeeper.

Over head height is allowed.

Goalkeepers are allowed to use their feet to kick the ball.

**Law 11: Offside**

There is no offside.

**Law 12: Fouls & Misconduct**

**Fee kicks**

All opposing players must stand at least two yards from the ball for all free kicks against them.

**Play in the goal area**

Outfield players are allowed in the area and goalkeepers are allowed out of the goal area.

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d) A match will be abandoned if there are 4 or fewer players on either of the two teams.

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**Owens 6-a-side tournament**

11:15 Registration
12:00 Kick Off of qualifying stage
14:00 Cup Quarter Finals – Cup (Pitches 1, 2, 3 & 4)
16:05 Quarter Finals – Cup (Pitches 1, 2, 3 & 4)
16:30 Semi Finals – Shield (Pitches 3 & 4)
16:30 Semi Finals – Cup (Pitch 1 & 2)
17:00 Final (Shield) (Pitch 2)
17:00 Final (Cup) (Pitch 1)

Fixtures times for the qualifying stage will be available on the day.