TERMINOLOGY

Agreement – this agreement together with any centre rules as displayed within the centre at the time of the event.

Event – Any pitch hire booking with a specific start and end date.

Client – The individual making the booking.

Guests – Players playing for the client’s team or in the event of a pitch hire booking participating in the match and any associates accompanying the client or the client’s players.

1. PRINCIPLE TERMS

1.1. This Agreement commences upon completing the online checkout process.

1.2. You have responsibility for the conduct and payment of all other players joining under this Agreement. All such players must comply with the terms of this Agreement and the rules of the Centre.

2. ONLINE BOOKINGS

2.1. Online bookings can only be made up to 7 days in advance.

2.2. Online bookings must be paid in full at the time of booking. Any online bookings not paid in full at the time of booking will be subject to automatic cancellation.

2.3. To amend an existing booking the client must contact the specific centre.

3. CLIENT CANCELLATION

3.1. PlayFootball Ltd requires 2 days written notice from the client to cancel the event.

3.2. Should the event be cancelled within 2 days of the date the full event fee will be due.

4. PLAYFOOTBALL CANCELLATION

4.1. If the booking remains unpaid within 2 days of the start date of the event

4.2. PlayFootball Ltd reserves the right to cancel the event for any of the following reasons.

4.3. Repeated rude abusive behaviour, racial or discriminatory comments to staff or other guests.

4.4. Consumption of alcohol during the event that has not been purchased on the premises.

4.5. Behaviour likely to affect the enjoyment of other guests or likely to endanger staff or other guests.

4.6. Fighting or threatening behaviour.

4.7. In the event of PlayFootball cancelling the booking for any reason other than those highlighted above, all monies paid would be returned or an alternative date offered.

4.8. Force Majeure – in the event of a war, flood or any other event outside the control of PlayFootball, PlayFootball shall not be held liable and will return all monies to the client should the booking not take place.

5. BEHAVIOUR AND PLAYING RULES

5.1. Guests remain the responsibility of the client at all times whilst on the premises and centre grounds. PlayFootball Ltd ask all clients to ensure their guests arrive and depart quietly and peacefully ensuring no disturbance to local residents.

6. DISCIPLINARY RULES

6.1. The referees will (except in case of exceptional circumstances) be qualified and registered with the regional Football Association.


6.3. In some centres a sin bin rule will be adopted in the event of a cautionable offence. The player will be shown a Blue card and asked to leave the field of play for 3 minutes. This is a local rule; please refer to your specific centre to see if this is in operation.*

6.4. Yellow and Blue cards will be recorded and a minimum 1 week ban will be given for those accumulating 3 Yellow or 3 Blue cards.*

6.5. Any player receiving 2 Yellow or 2 Blue cards during a match will automatically receive a Red card and be sent OFF the field unable to return.

6.6. A player receiving a Red card is dismissed from the game and will be sent OFF the field unable to return.

6.7. Violent conduct, swearing, spitting, verbal or physical abuse of any player, official or spectator will result in instant dismissal from the game in progress.

6.8. The Centre Managers’ decision on any of the above is final.

7. PLAYING RULES

The rules will be as of Association Football with the following exceptions:

7.1. The referee** will designate a team to kick-off; from the kick-off the ball cannot be played forwards. After a goal has been scored the game will be restarted in a similar manner by the defending team.

7.2. All free kicks are direct.*

7.3. All players must retire three (3) yards from the ball.*

7.4. The ball cannot be played over head height; a free kick will be awarded against the team that the ball touched last. However if the ball rebounds off the goalkeeper, the goalpost, cross bar or the boards and goes over head height it will NOT be considered a breach of the rules and the game should continue. Over head is at the discretion of the referee**.

7.5. A free kick will be awarded against any player who heads the ball.

7.6. A penalty kick will be awarded if the goalkeeper leaves his penalty area.

7.7. Outfield players are not allowed to play the ball or gain an advantage by entering the goal area. Breach of the rule by a defender will result in a penalty being awarded and if an attacking player breaches the rule then the ball will be returned to the goalkeeper.

7.8. The goalkeeper may only return the ball into play using an underarm bowling fashion. A free kick 3 yards from the edge of the penalty area will be awarded if the ball is returned in any other fashion.

7.9. Players must remain on their feet at all times and slide tackles or blocks are not allowed.

7.10. The ball may be passed back to the goalkeeper however if a player receives the ball from the goalkeeper at least one other player must touch the ball before it can be returned to the goalkeeper. If the ball goes directly back to the goalkeeper then a free kick 3 yards from the edge of the penalty area will be awarded.

7.11. You may only change goalkeepers once during a match unless an injury occurs.

7.12. Substitutes may not enter the field of play unless there is a stoppage for a free kick or goal and the referee** is notified. Breach of this rule will result in a Blue or Yellow card given to the offending player.*

7.13. Shin guards must be worn at all times during refereed matches, the referee** will not allow any player on the pitch without them.

7.14. Blades or metal studded boots may not be worn at any time at PlayFootball, any player wearing blades or boots will be asked to leave the field of play by the referee** or PlayFootball staff; a ban will result for any player in continuous breach of this rule.

7.15. Please be aware that we will continue to discipline players who swear during league games. PlayFootball will not tolerate foul and abusive language; captains are encouraged to convey this message to their players and supporters.

8. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

8.1. We will compensate you for any loss or damage you may suffer if we fail to carry out our obligations under this Agreement or to a reasonable standard or breach any duties imposed on us by law (including if we cause the death or personal injury to you by our negligence) unless the loss or damage is attributable to:

a) your own fault; or
b) a third party connected with our provision of services under this Agreement; or
c) events which we neither nor our suppliers could have foreseen or forestalled even if we had taken all reasonable care.

8.2. Our liability to compensate you for any loss or damage (in the case of loss or damage other than death or personal injury) is limited to a reasonable amount having regard to such factors as whether the damage was due to a negligent act or omission by us.

9. GENERAL TERMS

9.1. You agree to comply with the rules of the Centre which are displayed prominently in the Centre and relate to opening hours, use of the facilities and your conduct. We may make any reasonable changes to these rules at any time provided we give you advance notice of the changes by displaying them on a Centre notice board. If we make a significant permanent change to the operating hours or facilities available you may cancel your Agreement with effect from the date of change. You must give notice of cancellation within one month of publication of the change.

9.2. We may assign the benefit of this Agreement and our right there under to a third party on notice to you.

9.3. This Agreement is governed by English Law.

9.4. In the event that a single term, condition or rule of the Centre or of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable, all other terms, conditions and rules shall remain unaffected.

10. USE OF THE SPORTS BAR

10.1. PlayFootball Ltd reserves the right to refuse service to anyone it believes to be under and/or who does not provide Photo ID.

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