

# Rocks Lane

## JUMPERS for goalposts Match Rules

### CHISWICK

#### 1. Number of players

Each squad may have a maximum of 9 players of whom 5 can be on the field at any one time. Substitutions can be made at any time during a break in the play and a player once substituted can return to the field of play at any time to replace another player.

**MIXED LEAGUE:** There must be at least 2 female outfield players at all times.

#### 2. Goalkeepers

Goalkeepers may handle the ball anywhere within the goal area. Once the ball has been held by the goalkeeper it must be cleared with an underarm roll not thrown or kicked. Once the goalkeeper has released the ball, it may not be passed directly back to the goalkeeper by the defending team. If this occurs a penalty will be awarded. Goalkeepers may not leave the penalty area at any time - if they do for any reason whatsoever a penalty shall be awarded. If the goalkeeper throws the ball above board height possession goes to the opposing goalkeeper.

#### 3. Free kicks

All free kicks will be direct and the opposition will be at least 1 yard from the ball until it is played. The ball must also be at least 4 yards from the side boards and at least 4 yards outside the goal area.

#### 4. Play within the goal area

Only the goalkeeper is allowed within the goal area. Penalties for infringement of this rule are as follows:

**Attacking player inside goal area** - goalkeeper's possession.

**Defending player inside goal area** - penalty awarded to the attacking team.

#### 5. Board height

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (4G leagues):**

There is no board height rule in these leagues so play is continuous above board height, however the ball is not allowed to hit the fence/netting on the sides of the pitch. If a player kicks the ball against the fence then they will be penalised with a

direct free kick to the opposition from where the ball was kicked. If the ball rebounds off the goalkeeper and hits the fence, then possession returns to the goalkeeper.

## **6. Slide tackles**

No slide tackles are permitted. If a player attempts a slide tackle a free kick will be given to the opposition. Sportsmanship is expected at all times and any player expressing unsportsman-like behaviour will be asked to leave the facility and his team shall be disqualified.

## **7. Footwear**

No football boots, blades or moulded boots are allowed on the pitches. Only astroturf trainers are allowed. If any players are found with the wrong footwear on the pitch they will be asked to leave.

## **8. Climbing**

Please do not climb over any fences as this can damage the facilities and endanger your safety.

## **9. Points system**

**League** - 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss

## **10. Walkovers**

If a team fails to turn-up to play a match then the opposition will receive a walkover and 3 points. The winning team will be awarded a 5-0 win.

## **11. Overall Winners**

The winner will be decided firstly by the total points, then goal difference, then goals for, and finally the results between the challenging teams. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of each league and the top player of each division (if there is a tie for top player, the trophy will be awarded to the player who's team finishes higher in the league).