

Castle Combe Colts stage most successful tournament yet

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Two of Castle Combe Colts' youngest teams were among the prize-winners when the club staged its biggest tournament yet last weekend.

More than 1,200 youth footballers converged on the village's sportsfield across three days as 186 teams from under-6s to 18s showcased their skills in the sunshine.

The oldest age group kicked off proceedings on Friday night, with Melksham United taking the honours.

Swindon Rangers were victorious in two categories, while the host club's under-7s and 8s both scooped the fair play honours after receiving the highest sportsmanship marks from the event's refereeing team.

Proud Colts chairman Trevor Newman said: "We are so lucky to have the facilities we have. They seem to make us a destination of choice when our colleague clubs are choosing which tournaments to enter – and the weather certainly helped as well.

"However, I think it is our committee and hard-working volunteers - the lifeblood of the club - and the way they do things that provide such a positive and pleasant experience for those that visit us on an annual basis.

"There were some fantastic skills, goals and saves on display but what I would most like to thank everyone for is the way they conducted themselves. Respect was high and behaviour was impeccable."

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Under-7s: Fair play – Castle Combe Colts Stripes.

Under-8s: Fair play – Castle Combe Colts Whites.

Under-9s: Winners – FC Calne Pumas, runners-up – FC Chippenham A.

Under-10s: Winners – Croft Juniors, runners-up – Bath Arsenal Tigers.

Under-11s: Winners – Swindon Rangers B, runners-up – Swindon Rangers A.

Under-12s: Winners – Swindon Rangers, runners-up – Trowbridge Town Orange.

Under-13s: Winners – Yate United Whites, runners-up – Trowbridge Town A.

Under-14s: Winners – AFC Corsham, runners-up – Brinkworth Cats.

Under-15s: Winners – Didcot Town, runners-up – Devizes Town Stripes.

Under-16s: Winners – FC Abbey Meads, runners-up – AFC Corsham.

Under-18s: Winners – Melksham United, runners-up – Calne.