ESFA PLAYSTATION UNDER 14 SCHOOLS' CUPS

The rules stated below shall be in addition to those entitled "General Competition Rules".

1. NAME

ESFA PlayStation Under 14 Schools' Cup
ESFA PlayStation Under 14 Schools' Cup for Girls *(this competition is specifically designed to aid the development of girls' football)*
ESFA PlayStation Under 14 Small Schools' Trophy
ESFA PlayStation Under 14 Elite Schools' Cup
ESFA PlayStation Under 14 Schools' Cup for B Teams

2. ENTRIES

(a) Schools' Cup, Elite Schools' Cup, Small Schools' and Girls' Cups: The Cup shall be offered for annual competition to schools in affiliated membership with the English Schools' Football Association. Council has the right to fill any vacancy that may occur in the first national round. To be eligible to enter the Small Schools' Trophy, the affiliated school must have fewer than 65 boys on roll in Year 9.

(b) 'B' Team Cup: The cup shall be offered for annual competition to B teams of Schools in affiliated membership with the ESFA, and which have entered an 'A' team entered and fulfilled a fixture in the in the ESFA PlayStation Under 14 Schools' Cup (includes Elite and Small Schools' Cups).

3. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

(a) Schools' Cup, Elite Schools' Cup and Small Schools' Trophy: Only bona-fide scholars receiving full time education in accordance with the Education Acts who are on the roll of a school affiliated to the ESFA and who are over the age of 13 years and under the age of 14 years at midnight between the previous 31st August and 1st September shall be allowed to take part in this competition. (Year 9 only)

(b) Girls' Cup: Only bona-fide scholars receiving full time education in accordance with the Education Acts who are on the roll of a school affiliated to the ESFA and who are over the age of 12 years and under the age of 14 years at midnight between the previous 31st August and 1st September shall be allowed to take part in this competition. (Years 8 & 9 girls only)

(c) B Team Cup: Only players who have not represented their school in the ESFA PlayStation Under 14 Schools', Elite or Small Schools' Cup are eligible to take part in the 'B' Team Cup. Schools that enter this competition must, on request from the ESFA, provide evidence that they have adhered to this rule. Schools that infringe this rule will be removed from both competitions. Players registered with the programme for excellence are not eligible to take part in the 'B' Team Cup. (Year 9 only)

4. THE COMPETITION

(a) The matches shall be played on the cup tie principle and shall take place over all other school games.

(b) The draw will be published on the ESFA website (www.esfa.co.uk) and will be arranged so that the travelling by the away team is kept to a minimum.

(c) The ball shall be a size 4 unless mutually agreed to be a size 5.

5. DURATION OF MATCHES

The duration of each match shall be 35 minutes each way. If it is deemed inadvisable to play for 70 minutes, the Secretaries of the competing teams and the Referee may decide that the duration of play shall be 60 minutes (30 minutes each way).