INTRODUCTION
The rules stated below shall be in addition to those entitled “General Competition Rules”.

1. NAME
ESFA Under 18 Schools’ Trophy for Boys
ESFA Under 18 Schools’ Trophy for Girls
ESFA Under 18 Schools’ Trophy for B Teams

2. ENTRIES
(a) The Trophies shall be offered for annual competition to schools in affiliated membership with the English Schools’ Football Association.
(b) Schools entering this competition will not be allowed to enter the Under 18 Colleges’ Trophy.
(c) Schools must have at least one hundred students / scholars under statutory school age on roll.
(d) ‘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 and fulfilled a fixture in the in the ESFA Under 18 Schools’ Trophy.

3. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS
(a) 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 15 years and under the age of 18 years at midnight between the previous 31st August and 1st September shall be allowed to take part in this competition (Year 11 to 13). Students on courses based upon day-release are ineligible to take part in this competition. Students that have enrolled at a school/college as part of a football academy programme are ineligible to participate in this competition, save for the ESFA Under 18 Elite Schools’ & Colleges’ Trophy. **Guidance note: This applies to schools that offer a Football Academy, Football Development Programme or Sports Academy with a football section (boys competition only). Students that undertake 6 or more hours of football training at the school per week (excluding competition fixtures and strength and conditioning sessions) are not eligible to participate in this competition and should be entered into the ‘Elite’ competition.
(b) B Team Cup: Only players who have not represented their school in the ESFA Under 18 Schools’ Trophy 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.

4. THE COMPETITIONS
(a) The matches shall be played on a cup tie principle and shall take precedence over all other school games.
(b) The draws 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.

5. DURATION OF MATCHES
The duration of each match shall be 45 minutes each way. If it is deemed inadvisable to play for 90 minutes, the Secretaries of the competing teams and the Referee may decide that the duration of play shall be no less than 80 minutes (40 minutes each way).