



ESFA PLAYSTATION UNDER 12 9-A-SIDE SCHOOLS' CUPS

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

1. NAME

ESFA PlayStation Under 12 9-a-side Schools' Cup
ESFA PlayStation Under 12 9-a-side Schools' Cup for Girls (this competition is specifically designed to aid the development of girls' football)
ESFA PlayStation Under 12 9-a-side Small Schools' Cup
ESFA PlayStation Under 12 9-a-side Elite Schools' Cup
ESFA PlayStation Under 12 9-a-side 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' Cup, the affiliated school must have fewer than 65 boys on roll in Year 7.
- (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 12 Schools' Cup (includes Elite and Small Schools' Cups).
- (c) Save for ESFA Elite Schools' Cups and ESFA Girls' Cups, establishments operating a 'football academy' during school curriculum time, shall not be eligible to participate in ESFA Schools' Cups (ESFA Schools' Cups, ESFA Small Schools' Cups or ESFA B Team Schools' Cups). Such schools shall be permitted to enter up to two teams in each age group of the Elite Schools' Cup. 'Football Academy' status shall be applied at the discretion of the ESFA Council.

3. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- (a) Schools' Cup, Elite Schools' Cup, Small Schools' Cup and B Team 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 11 years and under the age of 12 years at midnight between the previous 31st August and 1st September shall be allowed to take part in this competition. (Year 7 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 10 years and under the age of 12 years at midnight between the previous 31st August and 1st September shall be allowed to take part in this competition. (Years 6 & 7 girls only)
- (c) B Team Cup: Only players who have not represented their school in the ESFA PlayStation Under 12 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 an FA licensed academy are not eligible to take part in the 'B' Team Cup.

4. THE COMPETITION

- (a) The matches shall be played on a cup tie principle and shall take precedence over all other school games.
- (b) The draw will be published on the ESFA website (www.esfa.co.uk/competitions) and will be arranged so that the travelling by the away team is kept to a minimum.
- (c) The ball shall be size 4.

5. DURATION OF MATCHES

The duration of each match shall be 30 minutes each way. If it is deemed inadvisable to play for 60 minutes, the Team Managers of the competing teams and the referee may decide that the duration of play shall be 50 minutes (25 minutes each way).

Goalpost and pitch size guide

The correct size goal posts for this format of football is 16 ft x 7 ft, although 21 ft x 7 ft can be used. Pitch size should be no greater than 80 x 50 yards.