



ESFA UNDER 18 ARNOLD CLARK SCHOOLS' CUPS

INTRODUCTION

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

1. NAME

ESFA Under 18 Schools' Cup for Boys
ESFA Under 18 Schools' Cup for Girls
ESFA Under 18 Schools' Cup 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 must have at least one hundred students / scholars under statutory school age on roll.
- (c) '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 ESFA Under 18 Schools' Cup.
- (d) 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. **Note – for the purposes of the under 18 age group, the 'Elite' competition shall be the ESFA Under 18 Super League.*

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.
- (b) To be eligible to play in the U18 Schools' Cup or the U18 B Team Schools' Cup, players should have been on roll at the school for the formal Level 2 examinations in Year 11.
- (c) A team may be permitted to play up to 4 players that joined the school post 16. (note: only 4 players that joined the school post 16 are able to be named in the matchday squad of 16 players, per game. Different players can be named in each game)
- (d) B Team Cup: Only players who have not represented their school in the ESFA Under 18 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 Club 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/competitions) 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).