



## ESFA PLAYSTATION UNDER 13 SCHOOLS' CUPS

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

### 1. NAME

ESFA PlayStation Under 13 Schools' Cup

ESFA PlayStation Under 13 9-a-side Schools' Cup for Girls (*this competition is specifically designed to aid the development of girls' football*)

ESFA PlayStation Under 13 Small Schools' Cup (boys' & girls' competitions)

ESFA PlayStation Under 13 Schools' Cup for B Teams (boys' & girls' competitions)

ESFA PlayStation Under 13 Elite Schools' Cup

### 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 8. To be eligible for the Girls' Small Schools' Cup, the affiliated school must have fewer than 130 girls on roll in Years 7 and 8 (in total).
- (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 Under 13 Schools' Cup (includes Elite Schools' and Small Schools' Cups). To be eligible for the Girls' B Team Cup, the school must have entered an 'A' team and fulfilled a fixture in each of the ESFA Under 12 and Under 13 Schools' Cups for girls.
- (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 12 years and under the age of 13 years at midnight between the previous 31st August and 1st September shall be allowed to take part in this competition. (Year 8 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 11 years and under the age of 13 years at midnight between the previous 31st August and 1st September shall be allowed to take part in this competition. (Years 7 & 8 girls only)
- (c) B Team Cup: Only players who have not represented their school in the ESFA Under 13 Schools', Elite, Small Schools' Cup are eligible to take part in the 'B' Team Cup. Girls who have played in an ESFA U12 or U13 A Team Cup fixture are not eligible to play in the ESFA U13 B Team Girls' 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. Girls' ETC (Emerging Talent Academy) and PGA (Professional Game Academy) players are not permitted in this category of competition (this is the structure replacing RTCs in The FA's Girls' Talent Pathway from 23-24 onwards).

#### **4. THE COMPETITIONS**

- (a) The matches shall be played on a cup tie principle and shall take precedence over all school games.
- (b) The draw will be published on the ESFA website ([www.esfa.co.uk/competitions](http://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 35 minutes each way. If it is deemed inadvisable to play for 70 minutes, the team managers of the competing teams and the referee may decide that the duration of play shall be 60 minutes (30 minutes each way).