



Arrangement of Games



Age

- Primary schools' competitions are under 13.
- Players must be enrolled in the school and under 13 years of age on 1st January 2024.

Match Arrangements

- A squad list of 16 players should be supplied to the referee before a game. The home team should provide an official match card (attached). You may use all 5 substitutes. Rolling substitutes are allowed. Substitutions are made at the halfway line during a stoppage in play. A player who has been replaced may return as a substitute for another team-mate. Only 16 players may be toggged out at a game.
- When arranging a game **always check team colours**. In the event of a clash it's the responsibility of the **home team** to change.
- All games are **60 minutes** duration (**2 x 30 minutes**).
- A Size 5 football weighing 370 gm should be used for all games.

Discipline

- A teacher must be present at all times with the team and is responsible for their behaviour on and off the pitch. The school is also responsible for the behaviour of its supporters. Incidents of intimidation, misbehaviour by supporters etc. will result in severe penalties. Incidents should be reported to Brian McArdle on the day of the game.
- A player receiving a red card is automatically suspended pending a decision based on the referee's report.

Referees/Pitch/Matchday

If you cannot provide a marked pitch with nets, full size goals and corner flags with a pre-arranged qualified referee, you should play your games away from home.

- The home team is responsible for getting a referee for the game and for ensuring that the pitch is playable, and that **nets and corner flags are used**. Full size goals are to be used.
- During bad weather you should **inspect the pitch early** on the day of the game.
- In the event that a pitch is unplayable, the match should be switched to the other team's pitch. Don't leave this to the last minute. It is very rare that a pitch suddenly becomes unplayable. Inform your opponents the day before, if possible, and make other arrangements. Don't forget to **inform the referee!**
- Referees from the official list should be used. Referees should be contacted at least 72 hours prior to a game. The fee should be shared by the two schools. The fee for an Under-13 Schools' game is €29.00. It is **not acceptable for parents or teachers to referee games**. I will not entertain protests or complaints unless an approved referee has officiated.
- If you don't have an official referee, you forfeit the game. If you do it twice your school will be removed from the competition.
- If a home team has not made proper arrangements for a game (including provision of a referee, suitable pitch etc.) the game may be awarded to the opposition. If you arrive to play a game and adequate arrangements have not been made you should contact Brian McArdle immediately. There's no point in complaining after you've agreed to play the game.
- Cancelling a game on the day, except in extraordinary circumstances, is not acceptable and may result in forfeiture of the game and other penalties.
- Safety - The referee must ensure that the players equipment is in compliance and ensures players safety at all times. This includes the wearing of glasses or anything the referee deems dangerous.
- Our games are played in line with the **International Football Association Board (IFAB)** rules. More information at <https://www.theifab.com/>

Failure to fulfil fixtures

- If a team is not fulfilling fixtures, has failed to contact you the week prior to a home game, or fails to turn up without notice, contact Brian McArdle immediately. Schools that hold up the

competitions for others will be eliminated from all competitions. A team awarded a walkover will be credited with a 3-0 scoreline.

Leagues/fixtures/results

- Games may be played on any day that's mutually agreeable to the two schools playing. Games should be played during school or immediately after school.
- The away team should contact the home team the week before a game to arrange the fixture.
- Please pass results on to **YOUR DESIGNATED CONTACT BELOW** immediately after your game. All efforts will be made to issue up to date results and tables as frequently as possible. Please pass on results by email or text so we will have a written record.
- **The winning team should pass on the result of a game and, in the event of a draw, the home team.**
- Only results which have been received in a timely manner will count towards league positions. If we don't get the result, it doesn't count.
- Three points are awarded for a win and one for a draw. League sections will be decided on points gained. In the event that two teams are tied the section will be decided firstly by the result(s) between the two teams, then goal difference and finally goals scored (maximum of 5). If there is still a tie, there will be coin flip to decide the winner. If three or more teams are tied goal difference will decide placings followed by goals scored.
- A goal difference of 5 is the most awarded for any game. In other words, if you win 10-0, a 5- 0 score line will be recorded. If you are hammering another team, take some players off.
- If significant efforts are not made by a team to reduce huge scores in one team's favour, two points will be awarded for a win and not 3. It is imperative that games are kept competitive.

Cups

- The draws for the Cup competitions are in a separate email. You should arrange your game **immediately**.
- For the cup competitions to run efficiently there is **no leeway** on deadlines. Arrange the games as soon as you have the fixtures. If you can't play by the deadline give a walkover to the other team.
- If you play a cup game but don't pass on the result in time you will be eliminated. Don't arrange a game for after the deadline and hope for the best – both teams will be eliminated. I will not reinstate teams later when I receive the result.
- In the event of a draw in a cup game 20 minutes extra time (2 x 10 mins) is played. If teams are still tied the game will be decided on penalties. Standard FIFA penalty rules apply.

5-a-sides

- More information on the 5-a-side competition from www.faischoolsprimary5s.ie

Finally...

Our leagues are played in a sporting spirit. There is no place for managers or parents hurling abuse from the side-lines, unsporting behaviour or cheating. If you find the behaviour of the manager or supporters of the opposing team unacceptable you **should report it to any of the contacts below in writing**. The games are for the enjoyment of the children and not to satisfy the ego of adults.

To pass on results...

ALWAYS INCLUDE THE CITY AND DIVISION IN YOUR TEXT/EMAIL

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