



2026-27 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

PLAYERS

Age group	School Year Group	Maximum format	Minimum number of players	Maximum number of substitutes	Rolling substitutions allowed	Distance from dead ball (yds)
U7	Year 2	3v3	2	N/A	No	5
U8	Year 3	5v5	4	5	Yes	5
U9	Year 4	5v5	4	5	Yes	5
U10	Year 5	7v7	5	7	Yes	5
U11	Year 6	7v7	5	7	Yes	5
U12	Year 7	9v9	6	5	Yes	7
U13	Year 8	9v9	6	5	Yes	7
U14	Year 9	11v11	7	5	Yes	10

DIMENSIONS, DURATION & REMUNERATION

Age group	Max (min) pitch size (yds)	Goal size (feet)	Dist of penalty mark from goal line (yds)	Ball size	Half duration (mins)	Extra time half duration (mins)	Referee fee
U7	22x16.5 (16.5x11)	4x2.5	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
U8	40x30 (30x20)	12x6	7	3	20	5	£20
U9	40x30 (30x20)	12x6	7	3	20	5	£20
U10	60x40 (50x30)	12x6	8	3	25	5	£20
U11	60x40 (50x30)	12x6	8	3	25	5	£20
U12	80x50 (70x40)	16x7	9	4	30	10	£25
U13	80x50 (70x40)	16x7	9	4	30	10	£25
U14	100x60 (90x50)	21x7	12	5	35	10	£35

OTHER RULES/LAWS OF THE GAME

Age group	Assistant refs required	Offside rule active	Retreat line rule active	All free kicks awarded are direct	Ball out of play - sideline restart
U7	No	No	Yes	Yes (except deliberate header)	Pass in/Dribble in
U8	No	No	Yes	Yes (except deliberate header)	Pass in/Dribble in
U9	No	No	Yes	Yes (except deliberate header)	Pass in/Dribble in
U10	No	No	Yes	Yes (except deliberate header)	Pass in/Dribble in
U11	No	No	Yes	Yes (except deliberate header)	Pass in/Dribble in
U12	Yes	Yes	No	No	Throw in
U13	Yes	Yes	No	No	Throw in
U14	Yes	Yes	No	No	Throw in