



Newcastle Schools' Football Association General Rules of the Association

1. This section of Newcastle Schools' Sports Association shall be called "The Newcastle upon Tyne Schools' Football Association".
2. Application for membership of the section will be considered by the AGM from any educational establishment in the city, for pupils on the roll the acceptance of all rules to be a condition of entry to any competition. No late entries shall be admitted after July, and teams withdrawing shall inform both the Secretary and the League Results Secretary.
3. The League, Cup and 5 a side entry fee is £15 per team. The Futsal competition is £30 per team.
4. **All Secondary schools must have at least one person from their school attend the AGM. Failure to do so will result in schools not being eligible to participate in NSFA competitions in the following season.** The section shall consist of one teacher from each team in membership with the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, executive members, other officers and City team managers. Each Secondary school shall provide an Executive Member to the Association, who shall attend Section Meetings and on occasions act on behalf of the Association. All positions of office shall be open to election at the AGM.
5. An Administration Committee shall be elected at the AGM consisting of the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and two Senior section representatives. This committee shall be convened to deal with disputes and protests. Protests must be lodged in writing to the Secretary to be received not later than three days after occurrence. Committee decisions are binding.
6. The section shall meet at the discretion of the Secretary, at a suitable venue .AGM to be in June
7. Results Secretaries, both Cup and League, shall be appointed at the AGM to whom all match results shall be reported. League tables shall be issued at regular intervals by appropriate officials. Cup competition secretaries are responsible for advising teams of their progress, and shall maintain records of progress. Each school shall have a member of staff to act as Co-ordinator of Results, who shall submit a list of results to the League Results Secretary.
8. All officers have the power to vote independent of the representative of their school teams and the Chairperson may exercise a casting vote.
9. Executive officers shall have the power to deal with any matters not provided for in the rules.
10. All teams in the section's competitions must be under the direct control of teachers or AOTT from their school.
11. The City Under 11s Team manager shall be elected at the AGM and shall have control of all matters concerning the team, with the power to co-opt.
12. The City Under 12 Team shall be under the control of a Team manager, appointed at the AGM who shall :-
 - (a) Go forward with this squad until the end of their Under 15s season.
 - (b) Appoint further teachers to assist in management.
 - (c) Pupils may only be selected for the City if they are representing their school team. This rule does not apply if the school does not have a team for their age group.
13. No alteration shall be made to the rules except at the AGM which shall consist of one representative from each team in

membership. Notice of motions for this meeting shall be sent, in writing to the Secretary, signed by both proposer and seconder, at least 14 days prior to AGM. Persons elected to an office of this Association, including in Primary Sub-committee, who for any reason find themselves unable to fulfil the commitment, shall be required to offer their resignation from those positions.

RULES FOR LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

1. The laws of the game shall be those of the FA except:-

(a) Size of teams Under 11 7-a-side, All Girls 7 a side, Under 12 9-a-side

All other ages 11-a-side

(b) Size of football Under 9s 3 Under 11s 4

Under 12/13 4

All other ages 5

(c) Cross bars Under 11/12s 7ft

Others 8ft

(d) Duration of Central League Venues fixtures:-

Under 11s 10 or 12 mins straight through

Under 12 -U15 -15 mins each way

Girls Under 12,13 and 14 – 10 minutes each way

2. Teams shall wear distinctive colours, which should be notified to the Secretary for publication in the Handbook. When colours clash- visitors change to alternative.

3. SUBSTITUTES shall be allowed to replace players. Players may be changed as many times as the manager wishes(within reason)and can be brought back on during a match.

4. Points shall be awarded : 3pts for a win, 1pt for a draw and 1pt for a completed fixture. In the event of two or more teams finishing top with equal points, it will be decided on goal difference, the goals scored, then the result between the teams in the league. If that is still equal there shall be a play off to decide the outcome of the League.

5. New League Champions shall collect the trophy from the previous Champions and shall be responsible for having it engraved.

6. School co-ordinators shall collect results of all teams in their school, whether matches were home or away, and send results each week to the Results Secretary.

7. Ages for leagues shall be Under 16 etc. Ages at 31st August prior to start of a new season.

Special Dispensation:-

Where a child is educated in a year below that of their age group in accordance with the decision of the school's Governing Body then that decision should apply to the child's participation in all schools' football; save for international football. Specific consideration must be given to that player in the school's and Association's risk assessment (RA) for that child to take part, and that the RA is shared with the opposition if they request it. The RA should identify risks if deceleration is a result of illness, injury or disability rather than any of the other reasons that a child may be educated outside of their age group.

If a child has been granted dispensation by The Football Association to play a year below that of their birth date, due to physical development, then the player shall be permitted to play down a year group in both inter-school and representative football, but not international football.

The headteacher must counter-sign any applications for pupils to play below their birth year group for permission to be granted by the ESFA. Such players must be registered with the ESFA on an annual basis.

8. Home teachers shall referee unless mutually agreed. A qualified referee, who is a non-teacher, may referee but must remain under the supervision of a qualified teacher.

9. The decision of the referee is final on points of play.

10. The home team's teacher is required to contact the opponent's teacher to confirm all arrangements at least 48 hours before kick off. If a problem exists with a fixture the Results Secretary may be called to mediate. Points may not be shared.
11. In the event of a team failing to fulfil a confirmed game or refusing to play a scheduled match without making a mutually acceptable arrangement, the non-offending school may apply for the points to the League/Results Secretary. League games listed should be played on that date. If this is not possible then the teams can ask the League/Results Secretary to play on a day mutually acceptable to all of the teams. Where, no agreement can be reached, the Secretary must be informed by the teams and the Secretary may decide the outcome and award the non-offending team/s a 3,0 victory.
12. (a) The Secretary may order a game to be replayed at such a time and place as they may wish.
(b) If at the end of the season a team has not fulfilled at least 50% of their fixtures then their results will be expunged from the League.
13. When two or more boys/girls are called upon for representative teams, a school may postpone a scheduled if it so wishes. Opponents should be given notice.
14. The Association shall have the power to select players from its member schools to play representative teams. Schools should not arrange matches on the same dates as representative games. If there is a clash the players selected for the representative team will be required to play for the Representative team.
15. Where a school has A and B teams, players shall normally play for one team, and shall be permitted one movement between teams during a season.
16. No player should play more than two years above their age group. No attempt shall be made to postpone any game in order that younger players can be available for the older age group.
17. ALL LEAGUE GAMES SHALL BE ENDED BY THE DEADLINE FOR THE LEAGUE FINALS unless decreed by the Administration Committee.

RULES FOR CITY CUP COMPETITIONS

The Forgoing rules shall apply to cup competitions.

1. Duration of games;-

Under 11s	20 mins each way
Under 12/13 Boys	30 mins each way
Under 13 Girls	20 mins each way (7 a side)
Under 14/15	35 mins each way
Under 15 Girls	25 mins each way (7 a side)
Under 16/19	40 mins each way

Teachers may mutually agree different times.

2. The draws will be made by the Secretary and all the Rounds will be published on the website, with first named teams at home, except in final ties. B teams are not permitted to contest the Under 19 City Cup. Competition Secretaries will be responsible for receiving results from the WINNING schools and advising schools of progress in competitions. In the event of a draw in the first tie EXTRA TIME MUST BE PLAYED. If there is a tie after extra time, then PENALTIES MUST BE TAKEN until the tie has been decided.

3. No round to be played after the target date unless permission has been granted by the Cup Secretary. The game must then be played within 21 days of original target date. Teams not adhering to these rules WILL be withdrawn from the competition. Therefore, all finalists will be known well in advance of Finals.

4. The Finals WILL be played on the dates designated by the Admin. Committee.

5. If a Final is drawn after extra time, then penalties shall be used to determine the outcome.

6. Where extra-time is to be played in the early rounds or finals the following should be played:-

U 11s – U 13s 5 mins each way

U 14s - U 19s 10 mins each way

7. In the semi-finals, if possible, the teachers shall mutually agree upon neutral referees. If there are any problems the Secretary shall endeavour to appoint a referee.

In Final ties, a neutral school shall be in charge of the Final.

For the U12 to U19 Final the Association will appoint a referee but the organising School shall provide two assistants and a person on the gate. For the U11 Finals the organising School shall provide the referee and a person on the gate. For the U11 and Girls Finals the organising School shall provide a referee and a person on the gate.

8. For all Cup Finals:-

- Schools may be asked to sell tickets/programmes.
- Finalists should provide a suitable match ball.
- Schools are responsible for their own spectators.

9. WINNING schools are responsible for reporting to Cup Competition Secretaries after each round.

10. Trophy winners shall be responsible for having them engraved. They shall return trophies to Cup Competition Secretaries no less than one week before any subsequent final where the trophy shall be required.