**Oxfordshire Schools Competition Guidance**

**INTRODUCTION**

The rules detailed below apply to all OSFA competitions except where stated under the heading of any specific competition.

**THE TROPHY**

* The Trophy is the property of the Oxfordshire Schools Football Association.
* The Trophy shall be presented to the captain of the winning team immediately after the match, or at the match function should that be held after the match.
* The winning School shall be responsible for suitable engraving and for the maintenance of the Trophy in good order.
* Damage to the trophy or losing the trophy will result in the school being charged for a replacement or damage costs.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES**

Council will determine closing dates for Oxfordshire Schools Competitions and indicate this on the competition entry forms.

**THE FIELD OF PLAY**

The following recommended pitch sizes for 9v9 and 11v11 youth football:

| Age group | Type | Length (yards) | Width (yards) | Goal Height (ft) | Goal Width (ft) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| U12 Boys | 9 v 9 | 80 | 50 | 7 | 16 |
| U13 Boys / U14 Boys | 11 v 11 | 90 | 55 | 7 | 21 |
| U15 Boys/ U16 Boys | 11 v 11 | 100 | 60 | 8 | 24 |
| U18 Boys | 11 v 11 | 110 | 70 | 8 | 24 |

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Artificial Turf Pitches (3G Artificial Pitches) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the register and must be tested (by an accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA.  The home team is also responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming the match arrangements.

If a school doesn’t not have the required goals or pitch sizes for the competition, they need to contact the Oxfordshire Schools FA regarding the matter.

Alternatively, that school will act as the away in the whole competition.

**THE BALL**

U12/U13/U14 – Size 4

U15/U16/U19 – Size 5

**Player Eligibility**

| Competition | Year groups who can play |
| --- | --- |
| U12 Girls | Year 7 |
| U13 Girls | Years 7&8 |
| U14 Girls | Years 8&9 |
| U15 Girls | Years 9&10 |
| U16 Girls | Years 10&11 |
| U18 Girls | Years 11,12&13 |
| U12 Boys | Year 7 |
| U13 Boys | Year 7 & 8 |
| U14 Boys | Year 8 & 9 |
| U15 Boys | Year 9 & 10 |
| U16 Boys | Year 10 & 11 |
| U18 Boys | Years 11,12&13 |

**SUBSTITUTES**

‘Repeated’ substitutions are allowed in all competitions up to and including the Under 18 age group. In these age groups, a player who has been substituted during a match becomes a substitute and may, in turn, replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game.

9v9 and 11v11 matches: Teams are permitted to use 5 substitutes from five named players.

**COMPETITION DEADLINES**

OSFA shall have fixed deadline dates by which all matches shall be played. Failure to keep to those dates may lead to disqualification.  In the event that the schools are unable to agree a mutually convenient date to play the fixture, the default date for playing the match becomes the published deadline date.

If the fixture goes past the deadline date the following scenarios could be enforced by the Oxfordshire Schools FA.

* Awarding the game to the school who is being proactive in arranging the fixture
* Simulate the fixture where no school has made any effort to get the fixture done (potentially both schools could be eliminated).

**Deadline Extension**

If schools wish for a deadline extension, this request needs to be written in an email before the deadline date with an explanation why.

If an extension is granted you will have 7 days from the published deadline date.

**Match Day Kits**

* Where Schools have similar colours, the home team shall be entitled to retain their colours and the visiting team shall change to colours that provide a satisfactory contrast.
* Teams must not wear shirt advertising of a conflicting interest to that of the competition’s sponsor.

**Competition Results**

Competition results need to be submitted by the winning team after the game has been played. You can submit the results on the following google link.

<https://forms.gle/4p6spcoeh3fBEDwE7>