

UNDER 8'S 2018

5-a-side MATCHES & RULES

- All players must have been born on or after January 1st 2018.
- All matches are 5-a-side maximum squad size of 8 players (max. 3 coaches per team).
- All group matches are of 10 minutes duration (no half time). Semi final 12mins and final 15mins.
- IFA Grassroots ABC Small Sided Games rules.
- Dribble or kick in when the ball leaves the pitch.
- Normal SSG retreat lines for goal kicks
- Keepers can lift Back pass
- Keepers can't kick out of their hands
- Drawn final matches will be decided by 3 penalties per team.
- Referees will be supplied by the organisers and will confirm scores.
- If there's a colour clash the team marked as away will change or wear bibs.

Code of Conduct

Everyone attending the tournament; club officials, coaches, players, parents & spectators are required to adhere to the Irish FA's Code of Conduct.

<https://www.irishfa.com/irish-fa-foundation/grassroots-and-youth-football/safeguarding/codes-of-conduct>

Tournament Format

The format of this tournament is designed to ensure that each team get a minimum of 4 games each. We ask coaches to use their judgement to keep score lines respectable.

There will be 4 groups of 4 teams. Each team will play 3 matches against the other 3 teams in their group. The position you finish in the group will determine the tournament you go into.

Tournaments

- 4 x 1st place teams will compete for the Cup
- 4 x 2nd place teams will compete for the Shield
- 4 x 3rd place teams will compete for the Plate
- 4 x 4th place teams will compete for the Bowl

There will be medals for all.

