



U14/U16 Boys Football Championships
Highfields Playing Fields, University of Nottingham,
University Boulevard, NG7 2PS
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Schools Information Document

Registration: 10.00 – 10.30am
Coach's Briefing: 10.40am
Tournament Timings: 11.00am – 3.00pm
Format: 6 a-side

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Cancellation Policy

Please make every effort to avoid withdrawing from a sporting event without exceptional circumstances. Late cancellations cause significant disruption to the planning of events, can negatively impact on others left in the competition and often sees additional financial costs for ISA to absorb. Upon entry, please ensure the event is not likely to overlap with any existing school commitments, and make sure your head teacher is aware of your visit.

Tournament Structure:

- There will be 20 teams in each age category, each team guaranteed six matches
- Group fixtures in the morning and knockout matches in the afternoon.
- During a scheduled lunch break, results will be collated, and afternoon matches confirmed
- A detailed schedule will be emailed to you, and a programme supplied on the day

Knockout stages as follows:

1 st in Group = CUP
2 nd in Group = PLATE
3 rd in Group = TROPHY
4 th in Group = SHIELD
5 th in Group = BOWL

* Each competition will have a semi-final, 3rd/4th place play off and a final

Presentations

There will be a presentation for the winners, runners up and 3rd place in the Cup, and the winner of each knock-out competition. Certificates can be downloaded from the ISA website (sports resources section).

Refereeing:

Due to the large number of matches, each team may be called upon to referee some matches. We will endeavour to source external officials and will keep you updated on this matter.

Maximum number of players:

- Each team is permitted to bring no more than 9 players
- At this age, unfortunately girls are not allowed to participate

Substitutions:

- Any player substituted during a match will become a substitute and may, in turn, replace another player at any time (rolling subs)
- The referee must be notified before the substitution is made

Laws of the Game:

Normal Laws of the Game will apply. However: -

- There will be no offside
- At all restarts, players must be at least five yards from the ball
- A goalkeeper may not kick the ball from out of his hands by means of punt or drop-kick
- In the event of a “pass-back”, if the keeper handles the ball, an indirect free kick will be awarded on the edge of the penalty area.

Warm Up

Please do not use the pitches for warmups, there is plenty of alternative space.

Duration of Matches:

- Matches will be 10 minutes one-way
- A coin toss (or equivalent) will determine kick off/which way each team plays

Match Timings:

There will be two minutes in between matches. Matches will be run using central timing and where a team is late, they will be penalised as follows:

- 1second – 59 seconds late = 1 goal conceded
- 1min – 1min 59secs late = 2 goals conceded
- 2mins – 2mins 59secs late = 3 goals conceded
- 3+mins = match forfeited (unless agreed upon between both team’s coach’s)
- A team failing to arrive for its match will be liable to forfeit the match by a score of 3-0, decided by the tournament referee (ISA Sport)
- If a team is late, each coach must agree to what rule is being applied before the match begins (i.e. how late the team was)

Group Matches:

5 points will be awarded for a win, 2 points for a score draw and 1 point for a goalless draw. In the event of two or more schools being level on points, teams will be separated as follows:

- Head to head record
- Goal difference
- Number of goals scored
- Positions decided by calculating a league table with the record of the lowest placed uninvolved team being omitted
- If none of the above are decisive, positions will be decided by lot

Knockout Matches:

If the scores are tied in a knockout:

- the match will move into 2-minutes of extra with no stoppage (i.e. ignore the full-time whistle, continue playing until extra time is ended)
- Penalties to follow (if the scores are still level)
- Each team will take three penalty kicks in the first instance, and then sudden death if required

Playing Colours:

In the event of a clash of colours, the team named first must change or wear different coloured bibs unless competing schools agree a mutual alternative.

Pitch and Goal Dimensions:

Pitch sizes will be 25m x 45m (approximately half a full-size pitch). Goals will be 3.66m x 1.83m.

Travel & Parking

There is free parking available on the day at Highfields for coaches, minibuses and cars.

Photography

DE Photography will be present at the event. Photographs will be available to purchase online after the event using the link www.dephoto.biz/isasport (Dephoto.biz / Password: isasport). Please let us know in advance if you have any students who cannot be photographed.

Catering/Refreshments

There will be refreshments on sale from Tree Top Catering. Please encourage children to bring cash if they wish to purchase hot or cold food.

Social Media

Please do tag us in any social media for the event @ISAsportUK or the hash tag #isasport or follow our Facebook page.

Etiquette

We know that the behaviour of ISA children is already excellent but please encourage your children to thank officials and other members of staff as without them, this opportunity would not be possible. Please adhere to the FA Code of Conduct below.

Spectators, Coaches and Players must always refrain from using any negative language. This event is designed to be a fun and enjoyable day for the participants so please respect this by remaining positive!

First Aid

There will be first aid cover provided on the day by Trident Medical Ltd and they will be clearly visible to you and spectators. You as staff will be responsible for initial contact with any injured player, followed by a signal/message to the first aiders if you require their expertise.