

FOOTY JAPAN COMPETITIONS YOUTH COMPETITION HANDBOOK

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1. Welcome

Footy Japan Youth Competitions provide structured and enjoyable match opportunities for youth players across the Kanto area.

Our competitions bring together academies, schools and community teams in a positive international football environment focused on:

- development
- fair play
- enjoyment of the game

This handbook explains how competitions generally operate and what teams can expect during the season.

Detailed rules, policies and competition-specific information are provided separately.

2. Competitions

Footy Japan Youth Competitions include:

- International Junior League (IJL)
- Youth Tournaments
- iINTERLiga
- Mini Match Day events

Formats vary depending on age group, participation numbers and venue availability.

Further competition-specific information will be provided where necessary.

3. Communication

Competition communication is conducted primarily in English due to the international nature of participating teams.

Contact: competitions.ops@footyjapan.com

Teams are encouraged to communicate in English where possible regarding:

- scheduling
- availability
- match day operations
- administration

Good communication helps competitions run smoothly for everybody.

Japanese versions of key documents, including handbooks and governance documents, are provided where possible to help communication with Japanese coaches, players and parents/spectators.

4. Team Expectations

Teams are expected to:

- arrive on time and be ready to play
- communicate absences or issues as early as possible
- support a positive match day environment
- treat referees, opponents and organisers respectfully
- help matches stay on schedule

We also ask coaches and team staff to help create a calm, organised and enjoyable environment for players and spectators.

5. Match Days

Depending on the competition format:

- teams may play multiple matches per day
- schedules may occasionally change
- match durations may vary
- organisers may adjust formats where necessary

Players should arrive on time and be properly prepared with appropriate equipment, including:

- team kit
- water for hydration
- shin guards

6. Referees & Respect

Youth matches will use FJ appointed referees as well as team-appointed referees, depending on the competition format.

We ask all players, coaches and spectators to support a respectful environment and understand that mistakes are part of football development for everyone involved.

Please ensure that coaches, players and parents/spectators read the Respect Code of Conduct provided with competition information.

7. Administration

Invoices and payment information may be issued:

- per season
- per event
- or per match day depending on the competition format

Teams are asked to complete payments by the stated deadlines.

If there are any issues regarding invoicing or participation, please contact organisers as early as possible.

8. Important Documents

All participants are expected to read and follow the relevant competition documents, including:

- Competition Rules
- Respect Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding & Welfare Guidelines

Competition-specific rules may also apply depending on the event or league.

These documents are provided separately.

9. Closing Note

We appreciate all teams, coaches, players and families who contribute positively to the Footy Japan football community.

Our goal is to provide children with enjoyable, meaningful and well-organised football experiences in a supportive environment.

Thank you for being part of the competition.
