

FOOTY JAPAN COMPETITIONS

YOUTH COMPETITION RULES

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1. Match Format

- Match formats (team size, duration, offside rules, substitutions) will be defined per competition and age group
 - Formats may be adjusted depending on participation and scheduling
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2. Player Eligibility

- Players must belong to the registered team or programme
 - Age groups must be followed unless otherwise agreed by organisers
 - Players may only play for one team per competition unless approved
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3. Team Requirements

- Teams are expected to have the minimum number of players required to start a match
 - Players may occasionally be shared or borrowed to allow matches to proceed
 - Organisers may adjust teams where necessary to ensure games can be played
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4. Match Day Expectations

- Teams must arrive on time and be ready to play
 - Players should be prepared with appropriate kit and equipment
 - Delays may result in shortened matches or forfeits at the organiser's discretion
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5. Refereeing

- Matches are officiated by referees or team-appointed referees depending on the competition
 - All referee decisions are final
 - Referees must be treated with respect at all times
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6. Results & Rankings (where applicable)

- Points and rankings will be defined per competition
 - In tournament formats, standings may be based on points, goal difference and goals scored
 - Final decisions on rankings are made by organisers
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7. Safety & Equipment

- Players should wear appropriate equipment (including shin guards where required)
 - Matches may be stopped or adjusted if safety is a concern
 - Players participate at their own risk
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8. Weather & Cancellations

- Organisers may cancel or adjust matches due to weather or field conditions
 - Teams will be informed as early as possible
 - Rescheduling will be determined based on availability
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9. Match Rules

Unless otherwise specified, matches follow [FIFA Laws of the Game](#) and/or applicable [JFA 8-side competition rules](#), with competition-specific modifications communicated by organisers.

10 Conduct & Disputes

- All participants must follow the Respect Code of Conduct
 - Unsporting behaviour, abuse, or misconduct will not be tolerated
 - Any concerns should be raised with organisers after the match
 - Decisions made by referees and organisers are final
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11. Administration

- Organisers manage scheduling, format and coordination
- Adjustments may be made where necessary to ensure matches can be played
- All decisions made by organisers are final