

FOOTY JAPAN COMPETITIONS

INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE (IJL) - COMPETITION RULES

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1. Format

- Double round-robin format
 - Central venue match days
 - Each team will be guaranteed to play 2 matches per match day
 - Match schedules may vary depending on participation and venue availability
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2. Age Eligibility

- Players born on or after 2nd April 2016 are eligible
 - Any exceptions must be approved by organisers in advance
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3. Match Duration

- 15 minute halves
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4. Team Format

- 7-a-side
 - No Maximum squad size
 - 5 players required to start
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5. Match Rules

- Unless otherwise stated, matches follow FIFA Laws of the Game and applicable JFA 8-a-side rules
 - Organisers may make adjustments where necessary for scheduling, safety, participation, or development purposes
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6. Substitutions

- Rolling substitutions are permitted
 - Teams should make substitutions safely and correctly
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7. Points & Rankings

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points

League rankings determined by:

1. Points
 2. Goal Difference
 3. Goals Scored
 4. Head-to-head
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8. Referees

- Referees should be dressed appropriately for refereeing
 - All referee decisions are final
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9. Match Day Expectations

- Teams must arrive on time and be ready to play
 - Teams are responsible for providing referees where required
 - Organisers may adjust schedules where necessary
 - Late arrival may result in shortened matches or schedule adjustments
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10. Conduct

- All participants must follow the Respect Code of Conduct
 - Unsporting behaviour or abuse will not be tolerated
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11. Equipment & Safety

- Shin guards must be worn at all times during matches
 - Jewellery, watches, and similar items are prohibited
 - Players must wear matching tops, or bibs if necessary. Shorts and socks must be of the same color. Goalkeepers must wear a top or bib of a different color.
 - Organisers may stop or adjust matches in the interest of safety
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12. 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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13. Administration

- Fixtures and formats may be adjusted where necessary
- Organisers' decisions are final