

FOOTY JAPAN COMPETITIONS

YOUTH TOURNAMENT COMPETITION RULES

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1. Format

- Half-day tournament format
 - Round-robin style competition
 - Teams may play multiple matches during the event
 - Match schedules and formats may vary depending on participation and venue availability
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2. Age Eligibility

- Players must fall within the stated age category for the event
 - Any exceptions must be approved by organisers in advance
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3. Match Duration

- Match duration will be confirmed prior to each event
 - Organisers may adjust match length where necessary due to scheduling or weather conditions
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4. Team Format

- Team format (e.g. 5-a-side, 7-a-side, 8-a-side) will be defined per event
- No maximum squad size unless otherwise stated
- Teams must have the minimum number of players required to start a match, as specified for the tournament format and age group.

- Organisers may permit players to be shared or borrowed between teams where necessary to support participation and player development.

5. Match Rules

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

- Rolling substitutions are permitted
 - Substitutions should take place safely and with the referee's permission where applicable
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7. Results & Rankings

Tournament formats may include:

- Single round-robin competitions
- Multiple group stages
- Play-off matches
- Semi-finals and finals

Where rankings are required, standings will generally be determined by:

1. Points
 2. Goal Difference
 3. Goals Scored
 4. Head-to-head
- Points system:
 - Win = 3 points
 - Draw = 1 point
 - Loss = 0 points
 - Final decisions regarding standings or rankings are made by organisers

8. Referees

- Referees are expected to operate in accordance with the Respect Code of Conduct.
 - Matches may use Footy Japan appointed referees or team-appointed referees depending on the event
 - 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 should check schedules carefully throughout the event
 - Organisers may adjust schedules or formats where necessary
 - Late arrival may result in shortened matches or forfeits at the organiser's discretion
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10. Conduct

- All participants must follow the Respect Code of Conduct
 - Unsporting behaviour, abuse, or inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated
 - Coaches, players, referees and spectators are expected to contribute to a positive and respectful environment
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11. Equipment & Safety

- Shin guards must be worn during all matches
 - Jewellery, watches, and similar items are prohibited
 - Teams should wear matching tops or bibs where possible
 - Goalkeepers should wear a different colour top or bib
 - Organisers may stop or adjust matches in the interest of safety
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12. Weather & Cancellations

- In the event of lightning, severe weather, unsafe playing conditions, or venue closure, matches may be delayed, suspended, shortened, or cancelled.
 - Organisers may cancel, delay or adjust matches due to weather or field conditions
 - Teams will be informed as early as possible
 - Rescheduling is not guaranteed and will depend on availability
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13. Administration

- Tournament schedules and formats may be adjusted where necessary
- Organisers reserve the right to make decisions in the best interests of the event and participants
- All organiser decisions are final