

Schools and Youth National Competition Rules 2019-20 (Changes between Draft 2 and Draft 3)

Ref.	Change Proposed in Draft 2 (as compared with Draft 1)	Explanation
NATIONAL COMPETITION RULES (NCRs)		
NCR 4 : The Players		
4.3	The words "... as set out within the Rules/Regulations or..." have been deleted in Draft 3 as being superfluous.	The possibility of this change was flagged up in Draft 2.
4.5	<i>Eligibility:</i> In Drafts 1 and 2 a change had been suggested to limit players not-enrolled at the school to the School Conferences only i.e. not permit this in Schools Cup. This proposal has been reversed in Draft 3.	Feedback received.
NCR 5 : The Teams		
5.6	The proposal to allow Matches to start with as few as 10 players has been amended to 12 (and 10 for U13 Matches).	As requested by the Schools & Youth Forum.
5.6	In Draft 3 we have clarified that if, during the course of a Scoring Match the number of payers drops below the minimum required to start the Match, then the Match proceeds as a Development Match.	Clarification was requested.
5.10	Where, under Player Matching, a team is prevented from starting a Match XV players the unused players may be used as additional substitutes.	Consequential proposal reflecting the increased ability to use Player Matching (and a desire to ensure that players are not prevented from having at least part of game due to their opponents starting the Match with less than a full side).
SCHOOLS CUP REGULATIONS		
3.	It was flagged in Draft 2 that, due to the timing of entries to the Schools Cup, there may be a requirement to build in greater flexibility for the Competitions Committee to agree a format based on the actual entrants. This flexibility has been reflected in Draft 3.	Follow on from Draft 2.
YOUTH CUP REGULATIONS		
Entrance Criteria		
2.1	Minor rewording reflecting more accurate language.	As advised by the S&Y Competition Secretary.

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GIRLS' COMPETITIONS

I am advised that there will be further communication with clubs and schools as to the future shape of girls' competitions later in May.

As advised by the S&Y Competition Secretary.

Note: Any comments on Draft 3 should be submitted no later than 15 May 2019.