

## UNDER 16 CLUB COMPETITION – 2023-24

The proposed changes to the U16 Tier 1 competitions activity were supported by a large majority of clubs and the Areas Junior Competitions Group agreed to introduce for 2023-24 season.

Teams enter either Tier 1 or Tier 2.

**Tier 2** – as before - Area Leagues run by Areas and a National Tier 2 knockout competition with Plate.

**Tier 1** – See annotated columns A-E with further details of the relevant phases of competition

Stage 1	Teams play in Zonal leagues, geographic but not rigidly Area based. EH run. Max 8 Divisions with 8 teams in each. Can play each other once or H/A depending on numbers	A
Stage 2	4 Supra Leagues of 4 teams. Top 16 teams, ie top 2 in each of 8 Zonal leagues (or more qualifiers if fewer leagues are run)	A
	Top 2 in each Supra League qualify for Finals weekend. Two pools of 4	A
	Teams finishing 3 & 4 in each Supra League play in Shield QF,SF, Final	B
	Teams who do not qualify for Supra League play in a KO Plate	C
	1 <sup>st</sup> round losers in Plate play in a KO Vase	D

PROS	CONS
Reduces pressure on calendar.	Shorter Supra League – Best v Best stage
Do not have to use HT dates and give some slip dates	Will weaker teams enter as it is an attractive option ?
Dynamic structure gives all teams something to play for till late in season	
Provides competition for T1 Area teams who miss out on Supra League in current structure and often struggle to find competitive	

Date	Revised Calendar Tier 1 Activity				Revised Calendar Tier 2 Activity
	A	B	C	D	
Sun 24 Sep	Zonal League 1				ClubLge1
Sun 08 Oct	Zonal League 2				Club Champs1
Sun 15 Oct	Zonal League 3				ClubLge2
Sun 29 Oct	Club Slip				Club Slip
Sun 05 Nov	Zonal League 4				ClubLge3
Sun 19 Nov	Zonal League 5				Club Champs2
Sun 26 Nov	Zonal League 6				ClubLge4
Sun 14 Jan	Club Slip				Club Champs3
Sun 21 Jan	Zonal League 7				ClubLge5
Sun 04 Feb	Club Slip		Tier 1 Plate 1		Club Champs4
Sun 18 Feb	Club Slip				Club Slip
Sun 25 Feb	Supra League 1		Tier 1 Plate 2	Tier 1 Vase 1	Club Champs5
Sun 03 Mar	Supra League 2		Tier 1 Plate slip	Tier 1 Vase slip	ClubLge6
Sun 17 Mar	Supra League 3		Tier 1 Plate 3	Tier 1 Vase 2	Club Champs6
Sun 24 Mar	Club Slip	Supra League Shield QF	Tier 1 Plate 4	Tier 1 Vase 3	ClubLge7
Sat 13 Apr	Supra League Finals		Tier 1 Plate Final	Tier 1 Vase Final	Club Champs Final
Sun 14 Apr	Supra League Finals	Supra League Shield SF			Club Slip
Sat 27 Apr					
Sun 28 Apr		Supra League Shield Final			Club Slip