



SUMMARY OF CHANGES

JUNIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS (U14-U18 OUTDOOR) DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

Review of 2024-25 Junior Competition Regulations (U14 – U18 Outdoor)

Overall, while there are some changes and additions to the 2024-25 version of the Junior Competition Regulations (U14 – U18 Outdoor), the majority of the document remains the same.

Regulation 2.3.1 Umpires

- This has been revised to ensure the appointments process is appropriate for junior competitions.

Reg 9.2.8.3 Further Appeal

- A deposit of £100 is required for any request. This is in line with Area League regulations

Appendix 2 – EH Policies

- The list is revised with new and updated policies. This is in line with Area League regulations

Appendix 6 – Fair Selection

Following feedback this has been revised as follows

In the table for the Fair Selection summary

- the maximum number of teams a player can move down within a club from one week to the next is two. Previously this was unlimited and there were examples of strong players playing at a lot lower level than their ability.
- doubling up is permitted in specific circumstances, see below.

General

- 1.2.2 The date a player must move clubs to play in U14 Tier 1 Supra League and U16 Tier 1 Championships is now 15 November. An SXP can be requested after this date. This date is chosen for consistency with 2.4 below.

The following regulations have been moved to this regulation from Reg 2.

- 1.3 Players can play in multiple age groups for the same club in outdoor competitions subject to all other regulations & 1.4 Players cannot play in more than one age group on the same weekend. Except i. where a player doubles up to play in at least one match as a fully kitted GK.



- 1.4 also permits doubling up in line with new Reg 5 below
- 1.5 Any player who has played for England U16 or U18 must play for the highest ranked team in their club and not below T2. The addition of T2 is due to an issue with such a player playing at T3 and being far too high a standard for the other players.

2. Players who move clubs

- This regulation has been retitled from cross-competition and some elements moved to Reg 1 General and Reg 3. Multiple teams from one club.
- The previous Reg 3. Age groups has been removed. This duplicated information now in Reg 1.

3. Multiple Teams from one club

- 3.1.1 a deadline of 15 November has been set at U14 T1 and U16 T1 when a player becomes tied to a team. Last season this was from a first appearance and we noted feedback about players needing time to settle into appropriate teams. An SXP can be requested after this date.

5. Playing two matches on one day.

- This has been introduced as a trial for 2024-25 and will be monitored. Although generally players should not play more than one game in a day there are occasions where doing would enable a club to fulfill its fixtures. Specific conditions for the players concerned are laid to avoid overplaying. It only applies to Area led league activity.

DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS – with effect from 1 September 2024

- Replaces Red Card & Matchday Misconduct Regulations and the Disrepute Offence Regulations with a single document.
- Greater clarity and consistency in the disciplinary processes
 - Useful definitions section.
- Creation of two clear disciplinary pathways:
 - red cards
 - no changes “in game”
 - matchday misconduct offence (MMO) replaced with post-match red card for a “straight” red card offence committed within 30 minutes of end of match
 - misconduct complaints
 - replace disrepute offences