



## Football Championships

### Championships format

IAPS hosts both a **girls' football championships** and a **boys' football championships** independent to one another.

The information in this document applies to both championships.

### Rules and regulations

- 7-a-side
- Max 10 players in a squad
- Boys' championships – girls/girls' teams are eligible to take part
- Girls' championships – only eligible for girls to take part
- The following pitch dimensions are used:
  - Length: minimum 50m, maximum 60m
  - Width: minimum 30m, maximum 40m

The national governing body for football in England is the [Football Association](#).

All IAPS football tournaments are conducted under the [FA small sided football rules and regulations](#), including their ruling on gender splits within tournaments.

Please read the rules and regulations in full before entering the event.

### IAPS eligibility

Our eligibility criteria is available to download on our website [here](#).

1. All competitors must attend an IAPS School.
2. Competitors ages must be taken from 1st September of that academic year.
3. Competitors can only participate in one age group throughout the competition. The competition is defined as both qualifying events and the finals.
4. Unless otherwise specified, schools can only enter one team per tournament/championships.
5. Only competitors who are part of the Prep School are eligible to take part. Competitors in Year 7 and Year 8 who are part of the Senior School are not eligible to take part in U12 and U13 events.
6. Only a member of school staff with a school email address can book onto an event.
7. Bookings are made on a first come, first served basis.





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### Equipment

- A football to use during the tournament.
- Bibs in case of a colour clash.

### Referee

Schools must provide a competent and confident referee, unless otherwise advised.

### Qualifying for the finals

Schools must enter a qualifier to be eligible for qualification to the finals.

The number of teams qualifying for the finals is determined by IAPS based on the total number of entries and qualifying events.

IAPS will publish a list confirming how many schools qualify from each qualifier after entries have closed.

### Finals

As many neutral referees as possible will be provided to support the delivery of the finals. Schools **must** be prepared to provide a referee for the finals.

### Boys'

U11 - **Sunday 24 November 2024 at Millfield Prep School**

U13 - **Wednesday 13 November 2024 at Summer Fields School**

### Girls'

**TBC**

### Medals and certificates

#### Qualifiers

**Cup & Plate** - 1st - 3rd place will receive a medal.

**Bowl** - 1st - 3rd place will receive a badge.

#### Finals

**Cup, plate and bowl** - 1st - 3rd place will receive a medal.

#### Certificate





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A participation certificate is available for schools to download and issue to competitors [here](#).

### Scoring for the championships

#### Points

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss

#### Pool stages

Group matches will be played on a league basis. The group order will be decided by the number of points scored by each team.

In the event of a tie on points, the following will decide final placings:

1. Goal difference
2. Goals scored
3. Winner of match between the tied teams\*
4. Penalty kick shoot-out (**3 players selected from the squad**)
5. Sudden death penalty kicks\*\*

\*Head-to-head result between two teams is the result of the match played between the two tied teams.

\*\*Sudden-death is started by the team that did not start the shoot-out and players may proceed in a different order from the initial best-of-three round

#### Knockout stages

In the event of a draw at full time, the winner will be decided by:

1. A period of "Golden Goal" extra time. Playing times should be a third of the original play time e.g. if you played 6 minutes one way during the match, you should play 2 minutes extra time.
2. Penalty kick shoot-out (**3 kicks per team**)
3. Sudden death penalty strokes

### Injury and accidents

Play may be stopped if the referee deems it necessary due to the injury or illness of a competitor.

Great care should be taken in moving an injured competitor or ill competitor from the court.





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Should the Primary Care Person/Umpire feel that an injury is critical (e.g., head, neck or back) and that the injured competitor should not be moved without assistance from Medical Staff, the umpires and schools should note the time lost during treatment and report it to the competition organiser who will adjudicate.

### Risk assessment

A full risk assessment is carried out by the host. If you would like a copy of the risk assessment, please contact [IAPS Sport](#).

### IAPS policies

Please make sure you have read and understand our policies before booking onto an IAPS Sport event. All policies and procedures can be found on our website [here](#).

