

IAPS Boys' and Girls' Football Championships

Bookings open – Wednesday 6th May 2026, 08:00

Bookings close – Tuesday 9th June 2026, 23:55

Cost of entry – £65 per team

Entering the competition

Booking onto an event:

- All bookings are made online via the IAPS website.
- Only a member of school staff with a school email address can book onto an event.
- If your chosen location is fully booked, please join the waiting list. Should space become available, we will contact you to offer you the space. There is no guarantee we can find schools an event to attend.

Eligibility:

- All competitors must attend an IAPS School.
- Competitors ages is taken from 1st September.
- 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.
- Pupils **can only participate in one age group** throughout the competition. The competition is defined as both qualifying events and the finals.
- All schools must bring first aid and additional first aid might be provided.
- IAPS follow FA rules, players can play up only one age group. Players cannot play down an age group (unless they have medical exemption from the FA).

Terms & conditions:

- Please make sure to read our booking terms and conditions before booking onto an event.

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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:
 - o Length: minimum 50m, maximum 60m
 - o 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.

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.

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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.

Medals and certificates

Qualifiers

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

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

Certificate

- 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**

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*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 kicks

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.
- 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](#).