

SOUTHAMPTON & DISTRICT TYRO FOOTBALL LEAGUE

U12 – U15 Managers Meeting

2026/27 Season





WELCOME

MEET YOUR LEAGUE COMMITTEE



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League Secretary



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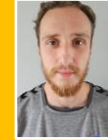
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Secretary &
Assistant League
Welfare Officer



Jack Oughton
Respect Officer



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Committee
Member



Luke Yates
Committee
Member



Scott Pigott
U12 Age Group
Coordinator



James Smith
U12 Age Group
coordinator



Ian Akers
U13 Age Group
Coordinator and
Communications
Secretary



Jerry Hughes
U14 Age Group
Coordinator



Aaron Rattan
U14 & U15 Age
Group Coordinator



Lee Payne
U15 Age Group
Coordinator



Gary Poolman
Hampshire FA Referee
Allocator

AGE GROUP COORDINATOR (AGC) CONTACT DETAILS



Under 12

- **James Smith** – 07887763312 – James.smith@southampton-tyro.co.uk and
Scott Pigott – 0787770558 – scott.pigott@southampton-tyro.co.uk

These are the point of contact between the league and Managers and Coaches.

Under 13

- **Ian Akers** – 07971025171 - ian.akers@southampton-tyro.co.uk

Managers and Coaches should not be contacting the League Secretary directly.

Under 14

- **Jerry Hughes** – 07834414633 – jerry.hughes@southampton-tyro.co.uk

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- **Aaron Rattan** – 07795956267 - aaron.rattan@southampton-tyro.co.uk and
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KEY DATES



PLAYING SEASON (U₁₂ TO U₁₅)

- Any postponed fixtures due to weather will be added to end of fixture schedule
- Expect fixture changes (e.g. for priority county cup games, poor weather, etc)
- Only playing breaks are for Christmas (27th December 2026 and 3rd January 2027) and Easter Sunday (28th March 2027)
- For divisions with an odd number of teams – expect a playing weekend with no fixture
- For cup groups with an odd number of teams – expect a playing weekend with no fixture
- Cup Final Date - TBC



RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

MATCH RULES



	U12	U13	U14	U15
Playing Format	9v9	9v9	11v11	11v11
Playing Duration	2x 30 Minutes	2x 30 Minutes	2x 35 Minutes	2x 35 Minutes
Maximum Match Day Squad Size	14	14	16	16
Minimum Playing Numbers	6	6	7	7
Ball Size	Size 4	Size 4	Size 5	Size 5
Recommended Goal Size (in feet)	16 x 7	16 x 7	21 x 7	24 x 8

MATCH RULES



Laws of the game changes for 26/27 Season

Time-Limited Substitutions

Players being substituted now have 10 seconds to leave the field of play once the substitution process begins. If that time limit is exceeded, the replacement player cannot enter until the next stoppage after one minute has elapsed. The measure is intended to reduce time-wasting and keep matches moving.

“Only the Captain” Becomes Mandatory

Following its introduction as a protocol in 2025/26, the Only the Captain approach becomes mandatory in all competitions during 2026/27. The initiative aims to reduce confrontation around referees, improve communication, and promote greater respect for match officials. Players who fail to comply with referee instructions may be cautioned.

New Injury Management Procedure

A new protocol requires an outfield player to leave the field for one minute when play is stopped for an injury and medical staff are called onto the field. Several exceptions apply, including goalkeeper injuries, serious head injuries, collisions involving teammates, and incidents resulting from offences that lead to a caution or dismissal.

Cooling-Off Periods

Referees at designated grassroots levels gain the option to implement cooling-off periods when emotions threaten to escalate. Players must move to their own penalty areas while captains and coaches meet with the referee to help restore control. Up to two cooling-off periods may be used during a match and must be reported to the competition.

Dropped Ball Clarifications

Clarifications have been added to dropped-ball procedures, particularly around situations where a team would have gained possession or been entitled to a restart. In cases involving interference from a match official or outside agent, the ball will now be dropped at the point of interference.

DOGSO Disciplinary Update

When a player commits a Denial of an Obvious Goal-Scoring Opportunity (DOGSO) offence but advantage is played and a goal is subsequently scored, a caution will no longer be issued. The guidance has also been updated to include attackers among the considerations when assessing DOGSO situations.

Penalty Kick Amendments

The laws now clarify accidental double touches during penalty kicks. If the kicker unintentionally contacts the ball with both feet and the ball enters the goal, the kick is retaken. If no goal results, the kick is treated as missed. The change also removes the automatic caution in certain situations where both the goalkeeper and kicker offend simultaneously.

Countdown for Throw-Ins and Goal Kicks

Referees can now use a visible five-second countdown to discourage delays at throw-ins and goal kicks. Failure to restart within the time allowed results in possession being awarded to the opposition: a throw-in for delayed throw-ins and a corner kick for delayed goal kicks.

MANAGER AND COACH MATCH DAY QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS



	Who
FA DBS	Everyone
Safeguarding Children Course	Everyone
Introduction to First Aid in Football (IFAiF)	At Least 1 Person Present
Introduction to Coaching Football (ITCF) / The FA Level 1 in Coaching Football	At Least 1 Person On Squad List
Photo	Everyone
On Squad List	Everyone

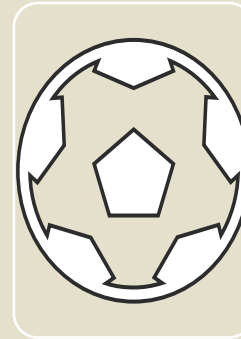
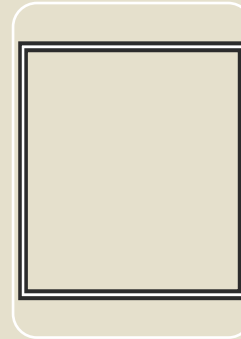
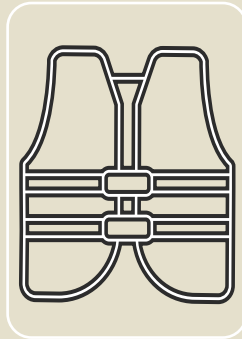
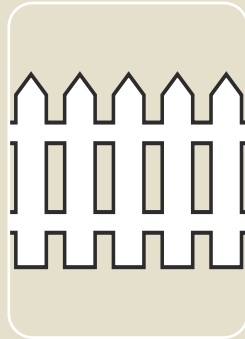
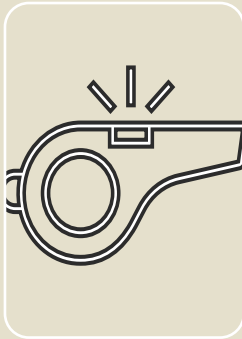
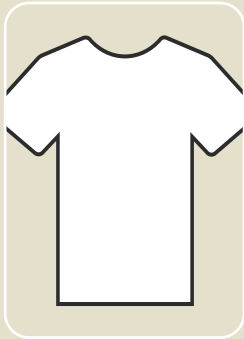
It is a safeguarding recommendation that every team has 2x DBS qualified adults present at club training events and matches.

It is a requirement for England Accreditation that one person is present at club training events with and in date ITCF for equivalent.

Photos can be uploaded or updated by visiting myaccount.thefa.com

Fixtures will be suspended for teams where these mandatory requirements are not met

MATCH DAY EQUIPMENT AND REQUIREMENTS



Playing Kit

- No Names
- No Black (or Very Dark) Kits
- Must be Differently Numbered
- Away Kits Required (no bibs allowed)
- Goalkeepers must be distinguished from all other participants
- League approved (if new from 2023/24 season)

Referee Equipment

- Assistant Referee Flags
- Stopwatch
- Whistle
- Red & Yellow Cards

Physical Respect Barrier

- Painted lines, rows of cones, etc are not permitted

Respect Vest

- To be worn by respect monitors at all times

Squad List

- Must include all players and coaches
- Everyone must have a photo
- Matchday is not a squad list
- Only those named on squad list are allowed pitch side
- To be shown before match
- Check for suspended players

First Aid Kit

- Clearly Marked
- FA Approved
- Fully stocked

Technical Area

- Marked out
- Maximum size of 2 m x 4 m
- Maximum of 4 Managers and/or Coaches
- Must remain inside

Match Ball

- Size 4 (U12 to U13)
- Size 5 (U14 to U15)
- Ensure 2 are available for all matches (home team)

Volunteers

- Parent Referee (Home Team)
- Parent Assistant Referees (Both Teams)
- Respect Monitor (Both Teams)



MATCH DAY

PRIOR TO MATCH DAY



Friday (by 10pm)

9 Days Before

- Home Team to Confirm Venue and Kick Off Time with AGC

Sunday

7 Days Before

- Home and Away Teams Receive Full Time Email Outlining Upcoming Fixtures and Opposition Contact Details

Tuesday (by 6pm)

5 Days Before

- Home team to contact opposition to confirm kick off time, venue, kit colours, and venue specific footwear requirements
- Away team to confirm receipt and kit colours (away team to change playing colours in the event of a clash)

Wednesday

4 Days Before

- Receive Full Time Email Outlining Any Referee Appointments (referees can be assigned up to Friday)
- Home team to contact appointed referee to confirm match details within 24 hours of receiving email

Friday

2 Days Before

- Check Squad List is Correct (especially if you are expecting new players)

ON MATCH DAY



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Pre-Game

- Both teams **MUST** appoint a **Respect** match delegate before the game and ensure they are visible with the **Respect** hi-vis jacket at all times.
- Both Team managers **MUST** be able to provide a current squad list on request from either opposition, match, league or County officials. Screenshot on a smartphone is acceptable.
- Technical areas **MUST** be marked out by **both** teams.
- A physical **Respect** line **MUST** be marked out by the **Home** team.
- If no appointed Referee, the Home team **MUST** provide a referee, whistle, stopwatch and assistant referee flags.
- Both teams to provide an assistant referee
- Home team to provide goal nets, corner flags, and 2x match balls

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During Game

- Remain in your technical area at all times
- Ensure parents or spectators do not enter the field of play
- Half time interval shall be 10 minutes in duration
- Rolling substitutes (5 from 5)

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Post Game

- Immediately after game (if not before), home team to ensure appointed referee is paid in full (advise to request confirmation from referee)
 - £30 for U12/U13
 - £35 for U14/U15
- Both teams to fully complete match day stats before 10pm, including:
 - Match score
 - FA Marks – Official (Referee) Marks, Respect Marks, Pitch Marks
 - League Team Marks (Fair Play)
 - Player Statistics - Starters, Bench, Used Bench

MATCH DAY STATS

FA MARKS



Official Marks

No referee has currently been recorded

A non-appointed referee name and role must be entered when submitting Respect marks

Enter referee name if not appointed or is different from appointed referee

First Name: Last Name: Role:

Overall decision making (1-40) Judgement of major decisions (1-30) Overall control (1-30)

Overall mark:

Reasons for mark of 60 or below:

Only required if mark is 60 or below

Pitch Marks

Please rate the pitch - considered feedback on the quality of facilities will assist the Football Association and Football Foundation in their investment decisions for the future.

Pitch Type?
☒ Grass ☐ 3G Astroturf ☐ Indoor ☐ Other

Pitch Mark?
☐ Very Poor ☐ Poor ☐ Satisfactory ☐ Good ☐ Excellent

MATCH DAY STATS RESPECT



	Unacceptable Regular incidents of poor behaviour	Poor Some incidents of poor behaviour	Acceptable A few minor incidents of poor behaviour	Positive Mostly followed the <u>Standards of Behaviour</u>	Excellent Always consistent with the <u>Standards of Behaviour</u>	I don't know There were none in attendance
Players How would you describe the behaviour of the opposition players today?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	N/A
Coaches/Managers How would you describe the behaviour of the opposition coaches/managers today?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	N/A
Parents/Spectators How would you describe the behaviour of the opposition parents/spectators today?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Comments (optional)

☐ **Flag report**

Mark this report as needing attention from your League Administrators. They will see the flag when reviewing the reports

[Support](#)

MATCH DAY STATS

GUIDE TO MARKING REFEREES



Overall Decision Making

Did the Referee;

- Recognise patterns of play and not invade player/game space
- Correctly recognise and award throw-ins, goal-kicks and corners
- Demonstrate consistent and credible recognition, detection and interpretation of 'normal' Law 12 offences i.e. but not limited to; foul tackles, holding, aerial challenges, handball etc.
- Recognise Law 11 + 12 offences and advantage application opportunities, not merely possession, applied in credible areas and/or applied without detriment to match control
- Demonstrate awareness of when appropriate to use the range of management techniques available, before resorting to formal disciplinary action i.e. the STEP process
- Recognise where player(s), teams(s) are using time consuming tactics and takes positive appropriate action i.e. preventative actions
- Demonstrate high levels of fitness and work rate throughout the entire game to meet the demands of the game

MATCH DAY STATS GUIDE TO MARKING REFEREES



Judgement of Major Decisions

(Cautions/Non-Cautions, Send Offs/Non-Send Offs, Penalties/Non-Penalties, Goal Awarded/Disallowed or any other significant game changing decisions)

Did the Referee;

- Demonstrate identification of 'significant game impact' incidents and offences with appropriate action(s) applied
- Demonstrate the ability to recognise the importance of potential key match decisions and effectively move towards/gain an optimum viewing angle to (a) judge, (b) enhance credibility and (c) adds value to the decision

In the highly unlikely event of there being no major decisions, a standard mark of 15 should be awarded to the Referee.

MATCH DAY STATS

GUIDE TO MARKING REFEREES



Overall Control and Player Management

Did the Referee;

- Act in a positive manner in their Pre-match Communication and Off-Field Behaviour
- Lead their team, ensuring all officials worked in harmony without contradictory decisions (where ARs are appointed)
- Display empathy for the game, managing game situations in an empathetic manner recognising the ever changing ebbs/flows, nature and temperature of the game and adapts refereeing style to suit
- Recognise when/how to raise his/her profile to aide their match control and remain in self-control of emotions, demonstrating composure
- Recognise when appropriate to enter face-to-face dialogue with the Assistant Referee(s) (where applicable), to aide visual co-operation and major decision making
- Effectively manage, when appropriate, two-way interaction with players, technical staff etc.
- Demonstrate a natural authority/confidence – not influenced by players, spectators or team official

MATCH DAY STATS

LEAGUE TEAM MARKS



 Note

Team Marks

Fair Play mark overall (Out of 10, 10 being Positive, 1 Regular Poor Behaviour) *

Fair Play Mark. 10-8 Positive Behaviour, 7-5 Occasional Poor behaviours & 4-1 Regular Poor Behaviour

Please provide reasons for your respect and fair play scores. *

Comments here for both positive and poor behaviour

* means value is required

The logo is a circular emblem. It features a blue outer ring with the text "Southampton & District" at the top and "Tyro Football League" at the bottom in white. The center of the logo is a yellow shield. Inside the shield, there is a blue silhouette of a football player in mid-air, kicking a yellow ball. The player is wearing a blue jersey and shorts.

PLAYER	POSITION	SQUAD NUMBER	STARTER	BENCH	UNUSED BENCH
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POSTPONED GAMES



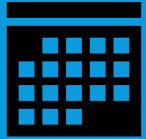
- Only the Venue or Match Official can call the game off.
- Both teams MUST mark the game as P-P by logging into Full Time and selecting postponed.
- HOME team are responsible for informing the AGC, opposition, Referee ASAP.
- If appointed Match Official attends venue – 50% of match fee is payable from Home team.
- Any team wishing to cancel or amend a fixture must give 2 weeks (14 days) notice to your AGC – less than 2 weeks will result in a league charge!



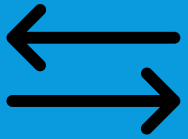


TRANSFERS

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- League transfer window opens on 1st October 2026
- League transfer window closes on 28th February 2027



- Players must be registered to teams through club portal at least 48 hours before any fixture
- Players may only be transferred twice during the playing season
- 7 days formal written notice of intention to approach a player to be issued to parent club secretary (with appropriate AGC copied) for any potential transfers
- Players are cup tied for league cup games (if player has already played in another league cup competition)



LEAGUE CUPS

GENERAL LEAGUE CUP NOTES



- Group Games
 - No Extra Time or Penalties. Results are recorded as stands at full time.
- Knockout Games
 - No Extra Time. Straight to Penalties if score is level at full time.
 - 5 Penalties to be taken per team, then into sudden death.
 - Only players whom were on the pitch at the end of full time are permitted to take penalties.
- Dates
 - Group Games to Be Completed by End of March 2027
 - Quarter Finals to take place Early April 2027
 - Semi Finals to take place Late April 2027
 - Finals TBC



DISCIPLINE



DISCIPLINE PROCESS

- First stage
 - Charge raised – this does not mean a monetary fine!!
 - Clubs respond to charge within 7 days of receipt
- Second Stage
 - Discipline Committee meet to discuss the charges and mitigating responses received
 - Discipline Committee decide on relevant action as follows :
 - Guilty - outcome could be one or more of the following:
 - Warning
 - Fine
 - Points awarded
 - Points deducted
 - fixtures suspended
 - Not Guilty – charge will be dismissed

All clubs have the right to submit mitigating circumstances and/or request a personal hearing, clubs will choose this when responding to the initial charge.

All charges and decisions are made following the guidelines in the standard code of rules for youth football

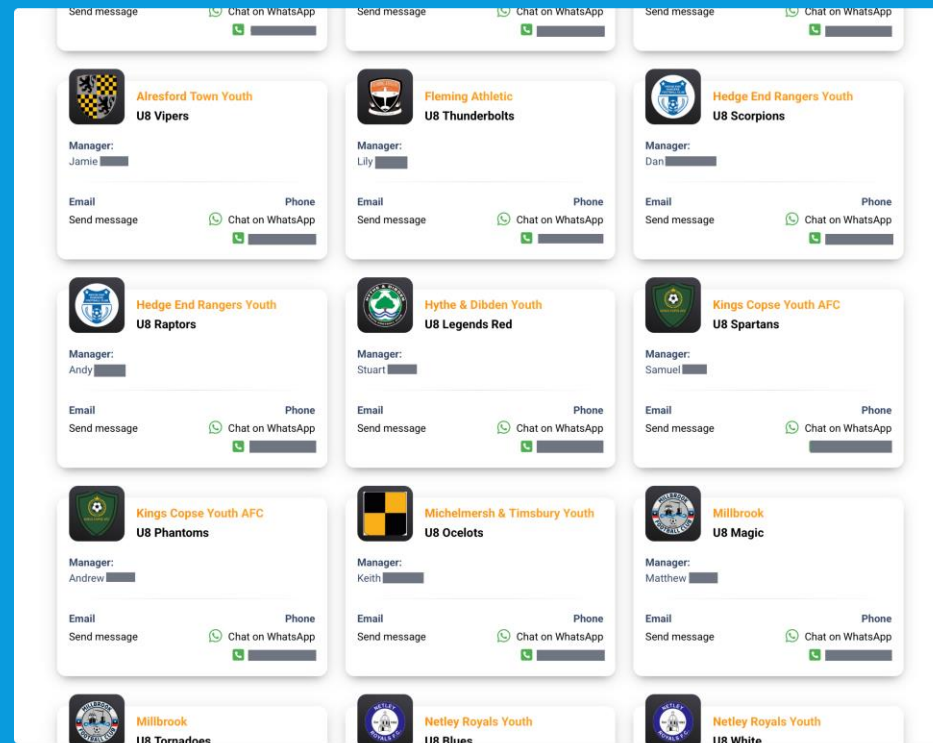
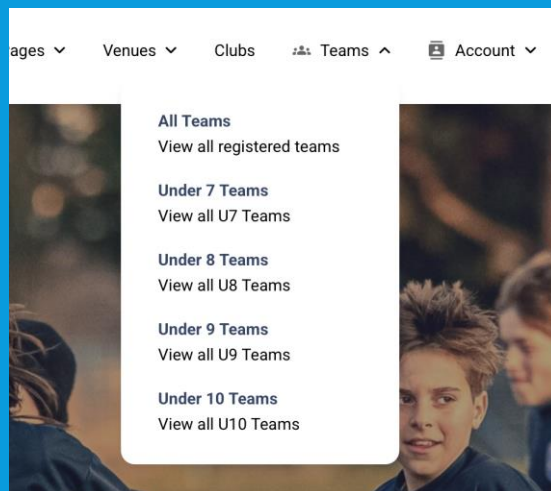
Clubs have the right of appeal to the final decision, this must be raised direct with the FA

WEBSITE



CONTACTING OTHER MANAGERS

- Login to the website – www.southampton-tyro.co.uk
- Select Teams menu



QUESTIONS



Tyro U12 26/27 Managers
WhatsApp group



TYRO U13 26/27 Managers
WhatsApp group



Tyro U14 26/27
WhatsApp group



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THANK YOU