



TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Rules

The Iconz Cup will be played in accordance with applicable sections of the FIFA rules and the English F.A. rules unless stipulated.

2. Competition rules

2.1

Participating teams must belong to a club or academy that is a registered with its national FIFA affiliated association. School teams from countries where school teams can participate in the official football competitions of the national football association and are registered with the national school association are also allowed to participate. All players must be registered with the club they are playing for.

2.2

Teams will divide into groups of four where all the teams will meet in a round robin series. The order among the teams will be decided according to points. 3 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.

If two or more teams have the same number of points at the end of group play, the order will be decided as follows:

- a) Goal difference
- b) Highest number of goals scored
- c) Results in the match(es) between teams with equal points (head-to-head)
- d) Penalty shoot-out according to the FIFA rules

2.3 Playoff

The two best teams in each group will advance to the gold knockout stages. The other teams in the group will advance to the bronze knockout stage. All knockout stage games will be decided by the cup system, i.e. by direct elimination. A draw in the knockout stage games will involve extra time of 2 x 10-minute halves followed by penalty kicks, according to the FIFA rules.

3. Age categories 2025

U13 - Boys born 1/1-2013 or later (11-a-side)

U13 - Girls born 1/1-2013 or later (11-a-side)

4. Playing period

All games will be played with 2 x 30-minute halves.

5. Number of players and substitution

5.1

Teams may have a maximum roster of 18 players for the Iconz Cup 2025. In all 11-a-side matches, eleven players are to be on the field with a maximum of seven substitutes. A substituted player may reenter in the match. Substitutions can only be made during a stoppage in the game, with the permission of the referee. All substitutions should be done within the technical area of the team. If there is no technical area the substitutions should be made at the center line. The player that will be substituted has to leave the pitch before the new player can enter the pitch. Incorrect substitutions will be punished with a yellow card.

5.2

It is not permitted to use a player from the same club in the same age category for another team.

6. Proof of age and participant list

All traveling teams must submit a list of players to the Iconz Cup administration before their first game of the tournament. All players must be able to identify themselves and to certify their age with a valid passport or ID. Players from countries that do not need a passport to travel to the UK can use additional ID with photo. ID documents which expired after June 30th, 2025, are not considered to be valid. Please note, a copy of the passport or ID document is not accepted.

All teams must complete the participants list digitally via their SportsEngine account registration. The list of participants will then be printed by an Iconz Cup member of staff and sent to all teams. Teams must bring a physical copy to age control verification.

The age control can be carried out at all stadium fields used during the Iconz Cup but must be completed and signed off before the team's first game. The age control verification can also be carried out at the team hotel prior to the first day of play.

At the age control, each player on the participant list must be present and be able to show proof of identity. The age control must be completed no later than Day 1 of the tournament (first Monday). Single players can join after the age control on the condition that they are on the original participant list. Note that the responsible team leader (written on the list of participants) must attend all the players' age verifications.

Players that do not complete age verification will not be eligible for the tournament.

Teams using non-eligible players can be excluded from the tournament.

7. Dispensations

7.1 Overage players (2 x 2012 born players)

To counteract the age difference i.e. UK Professional teams running off the academic year and US teams using the calendar year, two (2) dispensations are by default given for overaged players for the Iconz Cup 2025, who can be at most one year over the age limit (2010 born). Please note that teams are not allowed to have more than two overaged players on the roster, who change places in the squad for each match.

8. Match information

8.1 Team list

A written team list (This list will be provided at check in) must be handed over to the referee before every match for check in.

The number each player has on the team list must be the same as the number of the shirt. If it is not the same number, then the referee must be notified before the game.

Random checks of team and participant lists will be carried out throughout the event.

All team officials (maximum 3) must be named on the team list. These officials must be registered coaches and must have up to date background checks. If not, these officials must depart the technical area and join spectators on the other side of the field.

Only these officials are allowed to be in the technical area. If there are no markings for the technical area it is considered to be an area of 8 meters along the sideline where the substitutes are located. Officials are not allowed outside of this area at any time during the game.

8.2 Player uniforms

All team shirts must be numbered, and the numbers must correspond to the numbers on the team list. Numbers must be on the back of the shirts. Two players may not use the same number in any given match.

If the referee decides that one team should change shirts due to similarity to the opposing team's shirts, the team appearing last in the match schedule (as the away team) must change, unless agreed otherwise.

Advertising may appear on players' match uniforms. The advertisement must not contain messages that may seem hurtful or offensive, such as advertising for tobacco or alcohol etc.

Teams are advised to bring a change of jerseys to all games.

8.3 Before, during and after the match

All teams should be ready at the field of play no later than 15 minutes before kick-off.

All participants/parents must make sure that they are adequately insured.

All players **MUST** wear shin guards.

The teams are responsible for their supporters' conduct. Bad supporters' behavior or conduct can result in team's exclusion from the tournament and they may not be invited back to attend.

The responsible team official (coach) must immediately after the match sign the referee's match card in order to confirm the match result, red cards and other events during the match. Failure to sign may result in a notification to the Iconz Cup competition jury.

8.4 Balls

Both categories will played with a size 5 ball.

9. Referees

The referees are authorized by the English Football Association or additional national FA's. There will be assistant referees in ALL games:

The coordinator of the referees during the tournament will be available throughout the event.

At no stage will any parent or spectator be able to approach the Referee before, during or after any game. Any violation of this rule may result in immediate expulsion from the event for the team involved.

10. Tournament jury

The jury of the tournament consists of representatives of the English Football Association, the Nottinghamshire FA and members of the controlling body of the tournament, Iconz Experience. The jury handles protests and sanction matters. The decisions of the jury cannot be appealed.

11. Protests and sanctions

11.1

All protests must be made in writing and delivered by a responsible team official to a member of the Iconz Cup team no later than 90 minutes after the match is finished.

A protest fee of USD 150 will be paid at the same time. This fee will be returned if the protest is approved.

The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with the match are final (FIFA rule no.5). No measures will be taken on protests on decisions made by the referee.

11.2 Cautions and sending-off offences

Any player given a red card is automatically suspended from participation in the following match.

The tournament jury can decide about suspension for further matches in case of a direct red card.

Yellow cards are not accumulated.

Each team has the responsibility that a suspended player does not participate in a match/es where he or she is suspended.

Severe offences will be reported to the FA of the nation concerned.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If a player that is suspended participates in a match, the team with the suspended player automatically loses the match with 0-3.

12. Walk over, abandoned match

12.1

Any team not appearing at the appointed time and place for a match can be declared loser by 0-3, after a decision by the jury. If a team repeatedly fail to appear at the matches, the team may be excluded from the tournament. In special cases, the tournament jury may decide to exclude a team at the first offence, i.e. if a deliberate WO favors the own team or is unfair to another team in the group.

12.2

If a match is interrupted for some reason and can't be played to the end, the jury will decide if the match must be replayed or decided by penalty shoot-out or restarted from the minute when it was interrupted. The jury may also decide that the result will be fixed or if one of the teams or both teams lose 0-3, dependent on the scenario.

13. Match fields

13.1

All the playing pitches are artificial turf on stadium fields.

13.2

The fields are both based in Nottingham, England approximately 15 minutes from the Team Hotels. Additional fields may be added in later, if required.

13.3

In case of bad weather conditions, fields may be changed, or the game may be decided by penalty kicks as an extreme measure.

14. Match schedule

The organization committee has the right to change the groups (until July 14th), times and fields.

15. Organizer

Iconz Experience organize the Iconz Cup UK.

16. Regulations for hotel accommodation

16.1 General

The Iconz Cup UK is a stay to play event and all players, staff and family members will need to commit via the official tournament registration only. Failure to comply with this request may result in teams being invoiced for additional fees.

The Tournament Hotels will be announced by March 1, 2025, to protect the Stay to Play policy.

The team manager, as indicated on the participant list, is responsible for any damage caused by his or her players.

We urge all participants and leaders to never leave valuables or money unattended at the hotel. Iconz Experience, or any of its partners, will not be liable for any losses.

16.2 Fire risk

Smoking is prohibited in the hotels.

Please note that doors between the corridors and the stairs must be closed at all times.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary actions and may result in exclusion from the tournament and accommodation.

17. Insurance and responsibility

17.1

By registering to participate in the Iconz Cup, the registrant (parents of participants) verifies that the Head Coach in charge has been made aware of these stipulations and that the Head Coach in charge has the necessary authority and permission from the participants, the participants' guardians, and the registered association. Participation in the tournament is at the participants' own risk and the Head Coach in charge is responsible for all participants whom the Head Coach has registered, which should be included in the list of participants.

17.2

The Head Coach in charge is obligated to ensure that all participants are insured on the pitch. Each participant is responsible for his or her personal insurance off the pitch. Participants from countries that have no medical insurance agreement with the United Kingdom are advised to have personal medical insurance. Neither Iconz Cup UK nor the organizer has collective insurance to cover injuries, illness, theft, or damages.

Neither Iconz Cup nor the organizer is responsible for compensation, and they are also not responsible for financial losses or damages that may occur due to events outside the control of Iconz Cup or the organizer, such as war-like events, fire, flood, interruptions in public transport connections, government actions, strike, or other similar circumstances.