

UNDER 18 YOUTH LEAGUE

**The same Rules will apply as the Saturday Section (above)
with exceptions: -**

1. All promotion and regulations will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
2. No Player whose age at midnight on the 31 August in the current season has reached 18 years or less than 15 years shall be allowed to play in the League.
3. Each team in a club shall be allowed to close two dates in the season without incurring a charge for non-fulfilment of fixture. The club secretary must give the U18's Secretary at least six weeks' notice. Once the league bulletin has been distributed to the club secretaries and the committee, any games that are not played will incur a charge from the discipline committee.
4. Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System and step 7 (Regional Feeder League). It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any player registered to the club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.
5. A Player registered with a Premier League or English Football Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on the FA website.
6. The matches will normally be played on Sundays unless otherwise determined by the fixture secretary.
7. Up to 5 substitutes may be named who may be selected from 5 players. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time (in other words, substitutes are on a "roll on" "roll off" basis).
8. In the competition where points are awarded, Team rankings within the competition will be decided by points with three points for a win and one point for a drawn competition match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the playing season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition matches must not be played for double points.

9. In the event of two or more teams being equal on points at the end of the playing season, rankings may be determined by deciding a match or matches played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.
10. Competition Matches should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below.

Age Group	Minimum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer)	Maximum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer only)	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 17 and Under 18	N/A	N/A	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table