



INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

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2026

MONDAY 13 APRIL - THURSDAY 16 APRIL

COMPETITION PROGRAM

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TEAM NUMBERS

Academy	STATE	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U16	T
ADELAIDE ELITE FOOTBALL ACADEMY	SA	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
ASA FOOTBALL	NSW	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	10
EAST COAST SOCCER ACADEMY	NSW	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
EDDS FOOTBALL ACADEMY	QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
EDGE FOOTBALL ACADEMY	NSW	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
ELITE FOOTBALL ACADEMY	VIC	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ELLE FOOTBALL ACADEMY	NSW	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
ELLE FOOTBALL ACADEMY	SA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7
FC23	NT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALL ACADEMY	SA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
FOOTBALL BRILLIANCE ACADEMY	NSW	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	5
FOOTBALL STAR ACADEMY	ACT	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
JEREMY BROCKIE FOOTBALL	QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FOOTBALL LAB	NSW	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	9
LUSTICA FOOTBALL	VIC	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
MOTIVATE FOOTBALL ACADEMY	ACT	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
NEWCASTLE ELITE FOOTBALL ACADEMY	NSW	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
PLAY ATHLETE FOOTBALL ACADEMY	NSW	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
PRODIGY FOOTBALL	NSW	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
R17 FOOTBALL ACADEMY	NSW	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
SDB ACADEMY	NSW	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
SDC PROGRAMME	VIC	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
SPARK FUTBOL	NSW	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
STELLA FOOTBALL ACADEMY	NSW	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	8
SUSAK FOOTBALL ACADEMY	NSW	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THE FOOTBALL FACTORY	NSW	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOM KENNY FOOTBALL ACADEMY	QLD	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TSTII FOOTBALL	NSW	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	5
VILLARREAL ACADEMY BRISBANE	QLD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
VILLARREAL ACADEMY SYDNEY	NSW	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	9
VISION FOOTBALL	NSW	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	³² ACADEMIES	15	20	20	20	20	14	14	14	137

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COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Dates	Monday 13 April – Thursday 16 April 2026
Host City & Venue	Sydney – Wanderers Football Park
Age Groups	U8 – U9 – U10 – U11 – U12 – U13 – U14 – U16
Match Format	7-a-side (incl. Goalkeeper)
Matches	Each team will play between 11-14 matches across all four days
Match Lengths (No Half-Time)	<p>Qualification Matches – 20 minutes</p> <p>Division Matches – 20 minutes</p> <p>Finals Matches – 20 minutes</p>
Opening & Closing Ceremonies	<p>All players and coaches must be in attendance for the Opening Ceremony. Opening Ceremonies will take place on Day 1 for each age group ahead of their first matches of the day.</p> <p>Closing Ceremonies will take place on Day 4 where all teams who play on their final matches on Fields 1A & 1B are expected to remain and attend. The Closing Ceremony will see each age groups 1st-3rd place presented with their medals & trophies along with other individual honours.</p> <p>Both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies will take place on the Synthetic Field (7)</p>
Fixtures	https://independentfootballaustralianc26.torneopal.com/
Rules	https://independentfootballaustralianc26.torneopal.com/taso/saannot.php

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VENUE DETAILS

Venue:

Wanderers Football Park

Address:

Gate B
81 Eastern Rd,
Rooty Hill NSW 2766

Parking:

Carpark entry off Eastern Road & Additional Carpark inside Blacktown International Sportspark. No parking permitted in the Western Sydney Wanderers Staff

Please see the next page for IFA parking message and the Blacktown International Sports Park map for more information.

Field Allocations:

Fields 1A, 1B, 1C on Synthetic Field (7)
Fields 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D on Back Grass Field (9)
Fields 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D on Back Grass Field (8)
Fields 4A, 4B & 4C on Side Grass Field (5)

Spectators:

Must remain behind bunting flags & fence line

Canteen/Food Trucks:

In operation within the facility (see venue map)

Footwear:

Molded studs must be worn on the fields. Metal studs and screw-ins are not permitted

Dogs:

Dogs are NOT permitted at Wanderers Football Park

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PARKING MESSAGE

IFA would like to inform all spectators attending the IFA National Cup of the parking arrangements currently in place. Please adhere to the following guidelines.

Designated Parking Areas - There are multiple designated parking areas available throughout the precinct. If no spots are available just outside the football park, attendees can proceed to the AFL/Cricket Carpark located at Gate C across the street. Pedestrian crossing is available to allow safe access from Gate C to Wanderers Football Park.

Please see attached the Blacktown International Sports Park Information Map and our Venue Map

Prohibited Parking - Parking on garden beds or within Bungarebee Park is strictly prohibited. Any vehicles found in these areas will be subject to enforcement action by Blacktown City Council, including the possibility of ranger intervention and fines.

Drop-Off Option - For smoother traffic flow and to avoid parking issues altogether, we encourage families to consider drop-off arrangements and utilise designated parking areas within the football park.

Car Pooling - We strongly recommend car pooling where possible to limit the number of cars coming in and out of the facility

Time Management - Families/Academies are advised to plan their trip in advance and allow plenty of time to find safe and suitable parking.

Your cooperation in adhering to these parking guidelines is greatly appreciated as we aim to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants and spectators..

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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PARKING MAP

Wanderers Football Park & Blacktown International Sportspark

Blacktown
INTERNATIONAL
sportspark
SYDNEY

PARKING

--- Pedestrian Access



PARKING AVAILABILITY

- | | |
|---|--|
| P1 221 Car spaces
5 Disable spaces | P5 75 Car spaces
1 Disable spaces |
| P2 Limited parking available | P6 81 Car spaces
3 Disable spaces |
| P4 392 Car spaces
11 Disable spaces
2 Bus bays
1 Bus loop | P7 209 Car spaces
6 Disable spaces |

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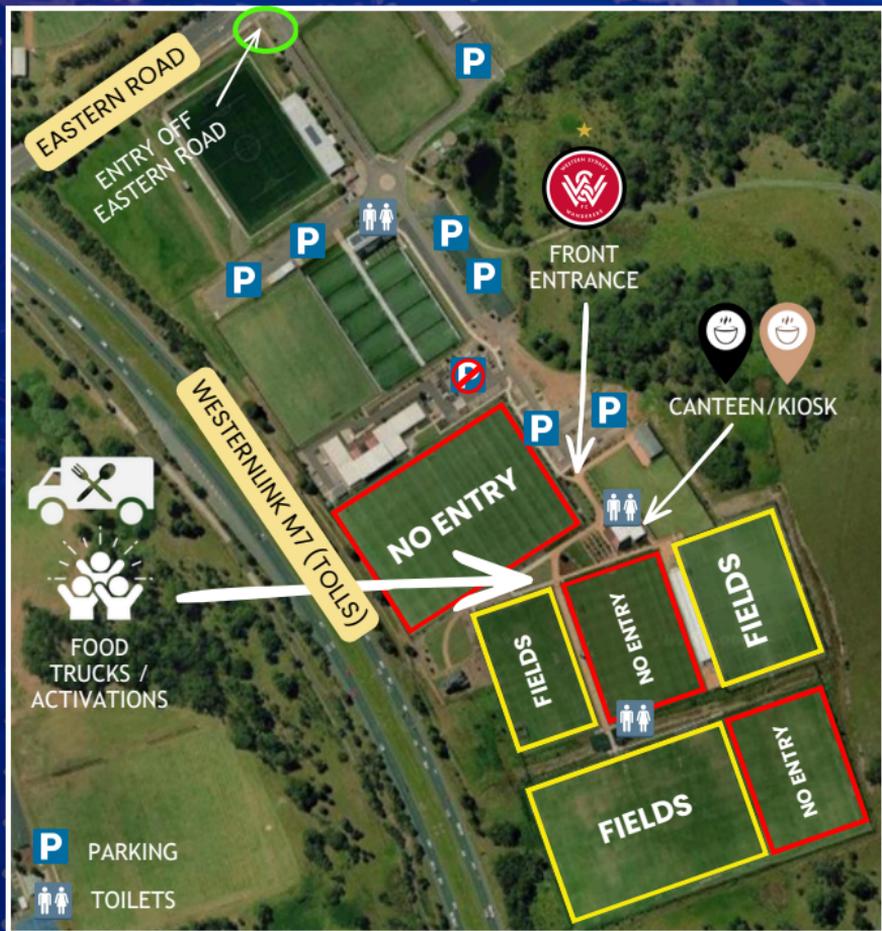


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VENUE MAP

Wanderers Football Park



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FIELD MAP

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MATCH TIMES

THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE FIXTURES TIME GUIDELINES FOR EACH AGE GROUP

TO VIEW EXACT MATCH TIMES, FIXTURES, RESULTS AND STANDINGS CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW:

<https://independentfootballeaustralianc26.torneopal.com/>

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MATCH TIMES

DAY 1 – MONDAY 13 APRIL

TIME	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U16
8:00	OPENING CEREMONY (OC)							
8:35								
9:00								
9:25								
9:50								
10:15			OC				OC	
10:50								
11:15								
11:40								
12:05								
12:30				OC		OC		
1:05								
1:30								
1:55								
2:20								
2:45					OC			OC
3:20								
3:45								
4:10								
4:35								
5:00								

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MATCH TIMES

DAY 2 - TUESDAY 14 APRIL

TIME	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U16
8:10	DIV 1				DIV 2		DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2
8:35	DIV 1				DIV 2		DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2
9:00	DIV 1				DIV 2		DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2
9:25	DIV 1				DIV 2		DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2
9:50	DIV 1 & 2				DIV 2		DIV 2	DIV 1 & 2
10:15	DIV 2	DIV 2			DIV 2		DIV 2	DIV 1
10:40	DIV 2	DIV 2			DIV 1		DIV 2	
11:05	DIV 2	DIV 2			DIV 1	DIV 1		
11:30	DIV 2	DIV 2			DIV 1	DIV 1		
11:55	DIV 2	DIV 2	DIV 2		DIV 1	DIV 1		
12:20		DIV 1 & 2	DIV 2		DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2		
12:45		DIV 1	DIV 2		DIV 1	DIV 2		
1:10		DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 1		DIV 2		
1:35		DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 1		DIV 2		
2:00		DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1				
2:25		DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
2:50		DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
3:15			DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
3:40			DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
4:05			DIV 1 & 2	DIV 2				
4:30			DIV 1	DIV 2				

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MATCH TIMES

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

TIME	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U16
8:10			DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
8:35			DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
9:00			DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
9:25			DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
9:50			DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
10:15		DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2				
10:40		DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 2	DIV 2			
11:05		DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 2	DIV 2			
11:30	DIV 2	DIV 1			DIV 1 & 2			
11:55	DIV 2	DIV 1			DIV 1 & 2			
12:20	DIV 2	DIV 1			DIV 1 & 2			
12:45	DIV 2	DIV 1 & 2			DIV 1 & 2			DIV 2
1:10	DIV 2	DIV 2			DIV 1			DIV 1 & 2
1:35	DIV 1	DIV 2			DIV 1			DIV 1 & 2
2:00	DIV 1	DIV 2			DIV 1			DIV 1 & 2
2:25	DIV 1	DIV 2				DIV 2		DIV 1 & 2
2:50	DIV 1	DIV 2				DIV 2		DIV 1 & 2
3:15	DIV 1	DIV 2				DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2	
3:40						DIV 1 & 2	DIV 1 & 2	
4:05						DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2	
4:30						DIV 1	DIV 1 & 2	

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MATCH TIMES

DAY 4 - THURSDAY 16 APRIL

TIME	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U16
7:30		DIV 1 & 2 9th/10th place match						
8:00								
8:30					DIV 1 & 2 9th/10th place match			
9:00								
9:30	U8 & U11 CLOSING CEREMONY (PRESENTATIONS)							
10:10								
10:40								
11:10								
11:40								
12:10	U9, U10 & U12 CLOSING CEREMONY (PRESENTATIONS)							
1:10								
1:40								
2:10								
2:40								
3:10	U13, U14 & U16 CLOSING CEREMONY (PRESENTATIONS)							

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COMPETITION FORMAT

QUALIFICATION
MATCHES

DIVISIONS
MATCHES

FINALS
MATCHES

AGE GROUPS	QUALIFICATION MATCHES	DIVISION MATCHES	FINALS MATCHES	DIVISIONS	TEAMS
U8	DAY 1	DAYS 2-3	DAY 4	2 per age group	16
U9					20
U10					20
U11					20
U12					20
U13					14
U14					14
U16					14

Each age group will compete in qualifications matches on Day 1 to determine division placings for the rest of the competition. Teams will compete in their respective divisions on Days 2 & 3 before battling it out on Day 4 for to determine Final Placings. Each Age Group will have 2 Divisions.

The Competition Format for each age group can be found on the following pages.

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U8 – 16 TEAMS

STAGE	DAY	FORMAT
QUALIFICATION MATCHES	1	<p>Teams will be split into four groups of four.</p> <p>Within their groups, teams will play each other once (3 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
DIVISION MATCHES	2 & 3	<p>Based off the results of the qualification matches, eight teams will form Division One (the top two teams from each pool) and eight teams will form the Division Two (the bottom two teams from each pool).</p> <p>Within each division, all teams will play each other once (7 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
FINALS MATCHES	4	<p>Each Division will play the following Finals Matches format:</p> <p>Semi Finals:</p> <p>SF1: 1st Place vs. 4th Place SF2: 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place SF3: 5th Place vs. 8th Place SF4: 6th Place vs. 7th Place</p> <p>Finals:</p> <p>1st/2nd Final: WSF1 vs. WSF2 3rd/4th Final: LSF1 vs. LSF2 5th/6th Final: WSF3 vs. WSF4 7th/8th Final: LSF3 vs. LSF4</p> <p>(Finals Matches will be 20 minutes, no half-time).</p>

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U9 – 20 TEAMS

STAGE	DAY	FORMAT
QUALIFICATION MATCHES	1	<p>Teams will be split into five groups of four.</p> <p>Within their groups, teams will play each other once (3 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
DIVISION MATCHES	2 & 3	<p>Based off the results of the qualification matches, ten teams will form Division One (the top two teams from each pool) and ten teams will form the Division Two (the bottom two teams from each pool).</p> <p>Within each division, all teams will play each other once (9 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
FINALS MATCHES	4	<p>Each Division will play the following Finals Matches format:</p> <p>Semi Finals:</p> <p>SF1: 1st Place vs. 4th Place SF2: 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place SF3: 5th Place vs. 8th Place SF4: 6th Place vs. 7th Place</p> <p>Finals:</p> <p>1st/2nd Final: WSF1 vs. WSF2 3rd/4th Final: LSF1 vs. LSF2 5th/6th Final: WSF3 vs. WSF4 7th/8th Final: LSF3 vs. LSF4</p> <p>9th Place vs. 10th Place (2 halves of 20 minutes)</p> <p>(Finals Matches will be 20 minutes, no half-time).</p>

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U10 – 20 TEAMS

STAGE	DAY	FORMAT
QUALIFICATION MATCHES	1	<p>Teams will be split into five groups of four.</p> <p>Within their groups, teams will play each other once (3 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
DIVISION MATCHES	2 & 3	<p>Based off the results of the qualification matches, ten teams will form Division One (the top two teams from each pool) and ten teams will form the Division Two (the bottom two teams from each pool).</p> <p>Within each division, all teams will play each other once (9 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
FINALS MATCHES	4	<p>Each Division will play the following Finals Matches format:</p> <p>Semi Finals:</p> <p>SF1: 1st Place vs. 4th Place SF2: 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place SF3: 5th Place vs. 8th Place SF4: 6th Place vs. 7th Place</p> <p>Finals:</p> <p>1st/2nd Final: WSF1 vs. WSF2 3rd/4th Final: LSF1 vs. LSF2 5th/6th Final: WSF3 vs. WSF4 7th/8th Final: LSF3 vs. LSF4</p> <p>9th Place vs. 10th Place (2 halves of 20 minutes)</p> <p>(Finals Matches will be 20 minutes, no half-time).</p>

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U11 – 20 TEAMS

STAGE	DAY	FORMAT
QUALIFICATION MATCHES	1	<p>Teams will be split into five groups of four.</p> <p>Within their groups, teams will play each other once (3 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
DIVISION MATCHES	2 & 3	<p>Based off the results of the qualification matches, ten teams will form Division One (the top two teams from each pool) and ten teams will form the Division Two (the bottom two teams from each pool).</p> <p>Within each division, all teams will play each other once (9 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
FINALS MATCHES	4	<p>Each Division will play the following Finals Matches format:</p> <p>Semi Finals:</p> <p>SF1: 1st Place vs. 4th Place SF2: 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place SF3: 5th Place vs. 8th Place SF4: 6th Place vs. 7th Place</p> <p>Finals:</p> <p>1st/2nd Final: WSF1 vs. WSF2 3rd/4th Final: LSF1 vs. LSF2 5th/6th Final: WSF3 vs. WSF4 7th/8th Final: LSF3 vs. LSF4</p> <p>9th Place vs. 10th Place (2 halves of 20 minutes)</p> <p>(Finals Matches will be 20 minutes, no half-time).</p>

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U12 – 20 TEAMS

STAGE	DAY	FORMAT
QUALIFICATION MATCHES	1	<p>Teams will be split into five groups of four.</p> <p>Within their groups, teams will play each other once (3 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
DIVISION MATCHES	2 & 3	<p>Based off the results of the qualification matches, ten teams will form Division One (the top two teams from each pool) and ten teams will form the Division Two (the bottom two teams from each pool).</p> <p>Within each division, all teams will play each other once (9 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
FINALS MATCHES	4	<p>Each Division will play the following Finals Matches format:</p> <p>Semi Finals:</p> <p>SF1: 1st Place vs. 4th Place SF2: 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place SF3: 5th Place vs. 8th Place SF4: 6th Place vs. 7th Place</p> <p>Finals:</p> <p>1st/2nd Final: WSF1 vs. WSF2 3rd/4th Final: LSF1 vs. LSF2 5th/6th Final: WSF3 vs. WSF4 7th/8th Final: LSF3 vs. LSF4</p> <p>9th Place vs. 10th Place (2 halves of 20 minutes)</p> <p>(Finals Matches will be 20 minutes, no half-time).</p>

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U13 – 14 TEAMS

STAGE	DAY	FORMAT
QUALIFICATION MATCHES	1	<p>Teams will be split into two groups of five and one group of four.</p> <p>Within their groups, teams will play each other once (3/4 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
DIVISION MATCHES	2 & 3	<p>Based off the results of the qualification matches, seven teams will form Division One (the top two teams from each pool and the best 3rd place from the two pools of five teams) and seven teams will form Division Two (the bottom two/three teams from each pool).</p> <p>Within each division, all teams will play each other once (6 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
FINALS MATCHES	4	<p>Each Division will play the following Finals Matches format:</p> <p>Semi Finals: SF1: 1st Place vs. 4th Place SF2: 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place</p> <p>Finals: 1st/2nd Final: WSF1 vs. WSF2 3rd/4th Final: LSF1 vs. LSF2</p> <p>5th-7th Play-Off: 5th Place vs. 7th Place 7th Place vs. 6th Place 6th Place vs. 5th Place</p> <p>All Finals Matches will be 20 minutes, no half-time.</p>

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U14 – 14 TEAMS

STAGE	DAY	FORMAT
QUALIFICATION MATCHES	1	<p>Teams will be split into two groups of five and one group of four.</p> <p>Within their groups, teams will play each other once (3/4 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
DIVISION MATCHES	2 & 3	<p>Based off the results of the qualification matches, seven teams will form Division One (the top two teams from each pool and the best 3rd place from the two pools of five teams) and seven teams will form Division Two (the bottom two/three teams from each pool).</p> <p>Within each division, all teams will play each other once (6 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
FINALS MATCHES	4	<p>Each Division will play the following Finals Matches format:</p> <p>Semi Finals: SF1: 1st Place vs. 4th Place SF2: 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place</p> <p>Finals: 1st/2nd Final: WSF1 vs. WSF2 3rd/4th Final: LSF1 vs. LSF2</p> <p>5th-7th Play-Off: 5th Place vs. 7th Place 7th Place vs. 6th Place 6th Place vs. 5th Place</p> <p>All Finals Matches will be 20 minutes, no half-time.</p>

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U16 – 14 TEAMS

STAGE	DAY	FORMAT
QUALIFICATION MATCHES	1	<p>Teams will be split into two groups of five and one group of four.</p> <p>Within their groups, teams will play each other once (3/4 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
DIVISION MATCHES	2 & 3	<p>Based off the results of the qualification matches, seven teams will form Division One (the top two teams from each pool and the best 3rd place from the two pools of five teams) and seven teams will form Division Two (the bottom two/three teams from each pool).</p> <p>Within each division, all teams will play each other once (6 x 20 minute matches, no half-time).</p>
FINALS MATCHES	4	<p>Each Division will play the following Finals Matches format:</p> <p>Semi Finals: SF1: 1st Place vs. 4th Place SF2: 2nd Place vs. 3rd Place</p> <p>Finals: 1st/2nd Final: WSF1 vs. WSF2 3rd/4th Final: LSF1 vs. LSF2</p> <p>5th-7th Play-Off: 5th Place vs. 7th Place 7th Place vs. 6th Place 6th Place vs. 5th Place</p> <p>All Finals Matches will be 20 minutes, no half-time.</p>



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