East Berks Football Alliance

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Player Age Bands 2023/2024

A player is eligible to play in the relevant age group if their birthdays fall on or after August 31st in that season.

Age limits shall be for 2023/2024:

Mini-Soccer – 5v5 Football – Mixed Gender

Age Group	Format	Age Range	Date of Birth Range	Gender
Under 7 β	5v5	Over 6 but under 7	1 Sep 2016 to 31 Aug 2017	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
		Rising 6 year olds β	1 Sep 2017 to 3 May 2018 β	
Under 8	5v5	Over 6 but under 8	1 Sep 2015 to 31 Aug 2017	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)

Mini-Soccer - 7v7 Football – Mixed Gender

Age Group	Format	Age Range	Date of Birth Range	Gender
Under 9	7v7	Over 7 but under 9	1 Sep 2014 to 31 Aug 2016	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 10	7v7	Over 8 but under 10	1 Sep 2013 to 31 Aug 2015	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)

Youth - 9v9 Football - Mixed Gender

Age Group	Format	Age Range	Date of Birth Range	Gender
Under 11	9v9	Over 9 but under 11	1 Sep 2012 to 31 Aug 2014	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 12	9v9	Over 10 but under 12	1 Sep 2011 to 31 Aug 2013	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)

Youth - 11v11 Football – Mixed Gender

Age Group	Format	Age Range	Date of Birth Range	Gender
Under 13	11v11	Over 11 but under 13	1 Sep 2010 to 31 Aug 2012	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 14	11v11	Over 12 but under 14	1 Sep 2009 to 31 Aug 2011	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 15	11v11	Over 13 but under 15	1 Sep 2008 to 31 Aug 2010	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 16	11v11	Over 14 but under 16	1 Sep 2007 to 31 Aug 2009	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 17	11v11	Over 15 but under 17	1 Sep 2006 to 31 Aug 2008	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 18	11v11	Over 15 but under 18	1 Sep 2005 to 31 Aug 2008	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)

U21 - 11v11 Football – Male Only

Age Group	Format	Age Range	Date of Birth Range	Gender
Under 21	11v11	Over 16 but under 21	1 Sep 2000 to 31 Aug 2005	Male

Notes

FA Rules From FA Standard Code of Rules – Youth and Open Aged Competitions

Summary – EBFA 2023/24 season

U7s play	5v5 format	– Players U7s only and rising 6 years during the season.
U8s play	5v5 format	– Players U7s and U8s
U9s play	7v7 format	– Players U8s and U9s
U10s play	7v7 format	– Players U9s and U10s
U11s play	9v9 format	– Players U10s and U11s
U12s play	9v9 format	– Players U11s and U12s
U13s play	11v11 format	– Players U12s and U13s
U14s play	11v11 format	– Players U13s and U14s
U15s play	11v11 format	– Players U14s and U15s
U16s play	11v11 format	– Players U15s and U16s
U17s play	11v11 format	– Players U16s and U17s
U18s play	11v11 format	– Players U16s, U17s and U18s
U21s play	11v11 format	– Players U17s, U18s, U19s, U20s and U21s

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For your Clubs insurance reasons and FA Standard Code of Rules, a player may not register or play in a wrong age group. The FA makes no exceptions whatsoever.

School Year (*)
The school year is only a guide; always use Date of Birth to determine age group.

Proof of Age (Date of Birth and Nationality)
When registering a player, who did not play in your Club, in the 2022/23 season, then as proof of age/proof of birth place document (POA/POBP) is required. The POA/POBP document must be a scan (pdf or jpg) of the player's birth certificate or passport that clearly shows date of birth and place of birth, uploaded to the www.gotsport.com system.

Age Band Table

Age Group	Birth Dates
U07s (5v5) (Mixed Gender) β	Sep16 Oct16 Nov16 Dec16 Jan17 Feb17 Mar17 Apr17 May17 Jun17 Jul17 Aug17 βSep16 βOct17 βNov17 βDec17 βJan18 βFeb18 βMar18 βApr18 βMay18
U08s (5v5) (Mixed Gender)	Sep15 Oct15 Nov15 Dec15 Jan16 Feb16 Mar16 Apr16 May16 Jun16 Jul16 Aug16 Sep16 Oct16 Nov16 Dec16 Jan17 Feb17 Mar17 Apr17 May17 Jun17 Jul17 Aug17
U09s (7v7) (Mixed Gender)	Sep14 Oct14 Nov14 Dec14 Jan15 Feb15 Mar15 Apr15 May15 Jun15 Jul15 Aug15 Sep15 Oct15 Nov15 Dec15 Jan16 Feb16 Mar16 Apr16 May16 Jun16 Jul16 Aug16
U10s (7v7) (Mixed Gender)	Sep13 Oct13 Nov13 Dec13 Jan14 Feb14 Mar14 Apr14 May14 Jun14 Jul14 Aug14 Sep14 Oct14 Nov14 Dec14 Jan15 Feb15 Mar15 Apr15 May15 Jun15 Jul15 Aug15
U11s (9v9) (Mixed Gender)	Sep12 Oct12 Nov12 Dec12 Jan13 Feb13 Mar13 Apr13 May13 Jun13 Jul13 Aug13 Sep13 Oct13 Nov13 Dec13 Jan14 Feb14 Mar14 Apr14 May14 Jun14 Jul14 Aug14
U12s (9v9) (Mixed Gender)	Sep11 Oct11 Nov11 Dec11 Jan12 Feb12 Mar12 Apr12 May12 Jun12 Jul12 Aug12 Sep12 Oct12 Nov12 Dec12 Jan13 Feb13 Mar13 Apr13 May13 Jun13 Jul13 Aug13
U13s (11v11) (Mixed Gender)	Sep10 Oct10 Nov10 Dec10 Jan11 Feb11 Mar11 Apr11 May11 Jun11 Jul11 Aug11 Sep11 Oct11 Nov11 Dec11 Jan12 Feb12 Mar12 Apr12 May12 Jun12 Jul12 Aug12
U14s (11v11) (Mixed Gender)	Sep09 Oct09 Nov09 Dec09 Jan10 Feb10 Mar10 Apr10 May10 Jun10 Jul10 Aug10 Sep10 Oct10 Nov10 Dec10 Jan11 Feb11 Mar11 Apr11 May11 Jun11 Jul11 Aug11
U15s (11v11) (Mixed Gender)	Sep08 Oct08 Nov08 Dec08 Jan09 Feb09 Mar09 Apr09 May09 Jun09 Jul09 Aug09 Sep09 Oct09 Nov09 Dec09 Jan10 Feb10 Mar10 Apr10 May10 Jun10 Jul10 Aug10
U16s (11v11) (Mixed Gender)	Sep07 Oct07 Nov07 Dec07 Jan08 Feb08 Mar08 Apr08 May08 Jun08 Jul08 Aug08 Sep08 Oct08 Nov08 Dec08 Jan09 Feb09 Mar09 Apr09 May09 Jun09 Jul09 Aug09
U17s (11v11) (Mixed Gender)	Sep06 Oct06 Nov06 Dec06 Jan07 Feb07 Mar07 Apr07 May07 Jun07 Jul07 Aug07 Sep07 Oct07 Nov07 Dec07 Jan08 Feb08 Mar08 Apr08 May08 Jun08 Jul08 Aug08
U18s (11v11) (Mixed Gender)	Sep05 Oct05 Nov05 Dec05 Jan06 Feb06 Mar06 Apr06 May06 Jun06 Jul06 Aug06 Sep06 Oct06 Nov06 Dec06 Jan07 Feb07 Mar07 Apr07 May07 Jun07 Jul07 Aug07 Sep07 Oct07 Nov07 Dec07 Jan08 Feb08 Mar08 Apr08 May08 Jun08 Jul08 Aug08
U21s (11v11) (Males Only)	Sep02 Oct02 Nov02 Dec02 Jan03 Feb03 Mar03 Apr03 May03 Jun03 Jul03 Aug03 Sep03 Oct03 Nov03 Dec03 Jan04 Feb04 Mar04 Apr04 May04 Jun04 Jul04 Aug04 Sep04 Oct04 Nov04 Dec04 Jan05 Feb05 Mar05 Apr05 May05 Jun05 Jul05 Aug05 Sep05 Oct05 Nov05 Dec05 Jan06 Feb06 Mar06 Apr06 May06 Jun06 Jul06 Aug06 Sep06 Oct06 Nov06 Dec06 Jan07 Feb07 Mar07 Apr07 May07 Jun07 Jul07 Aug07

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All Player registrations are done via the www.gotsport.com portal:

Jun-23 to 31-Jul-23 – GotSport Player registrations are free
01-Aug-23 to 31-Mar-24 – Player registrations is £7.50

If player being registered to your team for 2023/24 season which were in your Club/Team in 2022/23 season then.

Club GotSport administrator can move players from team to team – do not create a new record for a player who is already in your club, get your Club GotSportl administrator to move players from team to team.

The "V" padlock by the Date of Birth means the player has been Verified for Name, Date of Birth and Nationality (ITC Place of Birth).

Player requires a new passport style and size photo, which has been taken in the last 3 months – editing of photos will be charged for. – See common errors document on www.eastberkfsfa.com and use the template for photos. Note leaving this to your parents to upload is very expensive for your club.

Check the players address, email, mobile and parent's details, such as emails, are up to date.

To get the guardians to complete the Guardian Agreement Form you need to send the player an email and tick the Add Login details checkbox – See Procedure on www.eastberkfsfa.com

Once the player the player has a complicate photo, address, email, and the guardians have completed the online Guardian Agreement form then the system will allow the League to register the player to the team. If anything is missing, then the player cannot be registered and without a Player Registration ID card and "U-" at start of the players Jersey field then player cannot play in EBFA matches for 2023/24.

If player being registered to your team and is new to your Club/Team for 2023/24 then.

Check if the player requires International Clearance – this can take 6 weeks to 9 months – Read the FA website for the latest advice on International Clearance. The Home Office can fine you up to £10,000 if you get this wrong.

Player requires a new passport style and size photo, which has been taken in the last 3 months – editing of photos will be charged for. – See common errors document on www.eastberkfsfa.com and use the template for photos. Note leaving this to your parents to upload is very expensive for your club.

Each player's full address is required on the registration with Postcode.

Each player needs a guardian email.

Parent information needs to be completed – with emails

Each player needs to have their Name, Date of Birth and Nationality/Place of Birth Verified by the League. This is done by uploading a scan (pdf or jpg) to the players record that is a copy of their Passport Page, Birth Certificate or Driving License. Previous seasons Player registration cards cannot be used for validation.

Once the League has validated the Name, Date of Birth and Nationality/Place of Birth a yellow "V" padlock will appear by the Date of Birth filed, which means the player has been validated and that these details can only be updated by the League on GotSport.

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Whole Game System – Football Association Player Registration System (FA-PRS)

Clubs are also required by the Football Association to register their players to a team on Whole Game System (WGS) FA Player Registration system (FA-PRS).

Clubs/Teams must submit their WGS player registrations to the League on the WGS so the EBFA League can approve the WGS registration, once the GotSport Player Registration is complete.

Then EBFA will check the player has completed the full registered process on GotSport and will then approve the player on WGS. On Approval EBFA will update the GotSport Player Registration record with an update to the start of the Player Jersey number with

"U-", which means the player can play in EBFA 23/24 matches.

If the players has "N-", in the jersey field, then player has not completed GotSport player registrations and cannot play in EBFA 23/24 matches.

If the players has "Q-" at the start of the Jersey field, then player played last season 22/23, but player has not completed GotSport player registrations for 23/24 season and has no WGS record submitted and again cannot play in EBFA 23/24 matches.

If the player has "N-F", in the jersey field, then player has not completed GotSport player registrations and cannot play in EBFA 23/24 matches, as the "F" indicates that the players WGS FAN number has not been entered into the GotSport Player registration record.

The EBFA GotSport to WGS verification process is:

Player Completed GotSport Player Registration process. Note GotSport Player Registration is audited and locked for Legal 1st and Surname matching a Passport or Birth Certificate and a Deed Poll if actioned and provided. The (EBFA League ONLY supports the use of legal names.)
Player does not required FA/FIFA International Clearance or has been Granted ITC or ITC Exception by FA Registration Dept..
Player has a high quality compliant head & shoulder photo of the player, taken in last 3 months.
Player has Full Address on GotSport
Player has League Player/Guardian Agreement Form completed for 23/24.

Player ID Card may or may not printed from GotSport.

Jersey Field will starts with "Q-" or "N"-.

WGS records, which have been submitted To League by Clubs are downloaded from WGS and processed against GotSport completed Players.

GotSport/WGS Player Registrations System checks that :

Legal First Name in WGS matches the audited GotSport registration.
Legal Surname in WGS matches the audited GotSport registration.
Middle Initials/Names should not be entered on WGS.
Date of Birth in WGS Matches DOB that has been audited in GotSport
Player is registered in WGS to the team that they are registered as a Player of in GotSport.

If Player's WGS does not compile to above, on WGS the player approval request will be Rejected on WGS and player not authorised to play football in EBFA.

Once a player is registered on GotSport a Player ID Card will be printed and then the process to verify