



East Berks Football Alliance

(EBFA - Our Kids - Their Dreams)

Age Group Team/Referee U12-9v9 Format - 2023/24

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Not Registered
No Football
No Exceptions

GotSport Teams Sheet to be presented to Referee and Opposition Manager, a minimum of 10 minutes before kick off
This age group format sheet to be presented to the Referee by both teams, a minimum of 10 minutes before kick-off

Under 12 (9v9 Youth Mixed Football) The object is to keep the game flowing as much as possible, and make sure the players enjoy themselves.

Age Limits

U12s - Over 10 but Under 12 as at Midnight August 31st.

1. Team size shall be 9v9.
2. The playing area shall be maximum size 80 yards x 50 yards, minimum size 70 yards x 40 yards. The Playing area shall be marked with a regulation line marking compound.
3. The penalty area shall be designated by a marked out a rectangle, size 32 yards wide by 13 yards deep from the goal line.
4. The goal area shall be designated by a marked out a rectangle, size 14 yards wide by 4 yards deep from the goal line.
5. The penalty spot shall be in the centre of the penalty area, 8 yards from the goal line.
6. The goal size for all age groups is 16 ft x 7 ft or 21 ft x 7 ft. Goals shall be secured in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
7. Goal nets and corner flags are compulsory.
8. The ball shall be a size 4.
9. A maximum of 3 substitutes may be used at any time with the permission of the Referee. Players may re-enter the game with permission of the Referee and all players shall play a minimum of 30 minutes per match.
10. Players shall wear shin guards, which shall be entirely covered with stockings.
11. A Referee shall be allocated to every match. Each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee to run the line. All Referees shall have a whistle, red and yellow cards plus a notebook. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to ensure this.
12. U12 Duration of matches shall be 2 x 30 minutes per half, 5 minutes between each half. Teams to change ends after 1st half.
13. U12s Trophy Events Matches are all knockout matches. U12 Trophy Event Competition which are knockout matches have no extra time and if scores are level at the end of normal time, the winner shall be determined by the taking of a Penalty Shootout (five (5) penalties followed by sudden death), as described in Appendix A - Under 7 to 21 (All Formats – Trophy Event Penalty Shootout for Knockout Matches).
14. The kick-off is taken in the centre of the playing area to start the game at each half/quarter and after a goal has been scored.
15. Offside rule applies.
16. Throw ins shall be taken in the normal way. A foul throw shall be awarded to the opponent.
17. The opposition shall be at least 10 yards Away when a corner, free kick, centre kick and goal kicks is awarded.
18. Goalkeepers can handle the ball in the penalty area and there are no restrictions on the number of steps they may take when holding the ball. They may return the ball into play by either drop kicking it or throwing it out of the penalty area.
19. Goal kicks within the penalty area may be kicked from within the goal area.
20. The back-pass rules apply.
21. Club Officials who Referee a match shall refrain from coaching.
22. Prior to each match the Team Sheet and Player Reg ID Verification procedures must be complied with.
23. Prior to each match the participating Teams and Officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake.
24. The Team Officials shall be held responsible for the behaviour of players, supporters and any other persons involved with the fixture.
25. Any protest or complaint shall be forwarded to the League Secretary as per Rule 7.
26. Any matters of misconduct while the Referee is at the venue, are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association
27. Except where otherwise provided above, the Laws of Association football shall apply.
28. All Referees shall be paid before the start of the match by the Home Team and the costs split equally between the two Teams.
29. Referee after the match to please complete an EBFA Match Official (Referee) Report – [click here](#) or visit www.eastberksfa.com/refereerports to find a link to the EBFA Match Official (Referee) Report.
30. Teams will complete score result on GotSport, upload the completed team sheet to GotSport and complete Team Match/Respect Report on EBFA Google Forms -> [click here](#)
31. Teams claiming a Trophy Event or Divisional Fixture must complete the EBFA Google Forms – within 4 days (excluding Sunday) -> [click here](#)