



FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL PILOT SCHEME

At the Annual Meeting of Regional Co-ordinators held in May 2018 it was noted that numbers of teams participating in this sport (both Junior & Senior) had shown a steady decline, particularly in England/Wales region.

In an attempt to promote the sport, particularly in smaller numbered Companies, the Co-ordinators agreed to pilot the following arrangements in ALL regions during sessions 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. Thereafter the position will be reviewed.

SCHEME DETAILS:

- 1 Age Groupings & Eligibility - Details as per National Competition Regulations (page 2 no 2)
- 2 Notification from Group Hosts etc - As per General Rules 9b.

Nos 1 and 2 above remain unchanged from previous years.

- 3 **TEAM COMPOSITIONS** – A Team may comprise boys from a maximum of 3 companies in the appropriate age groupings. Team Lines must be passed to Host Company Organiser with name, date of birth and Company Name(s) clearly stated.
- 4 **TEAM LINES** for all members of a Group must be checked by Host Company Organiser prior to commencement of play. Team Lines for *all qualifiers from a group* must be submitted to the Regional Co-ordinator for scrutiny and retention until the completion of the Tournament. (complements rule 3 in General Rules Booklet re Football)
- 5 In Regional Finals only boys who have participated in a previous round(s) will be eligible to participate in a Regional Final and subsequently a National Final.
In the event that only a Regional Final is required to determine National Finalists for a Region it will mean that only boys who participated in such a Regional Final will be eligible to play in the National Final.

Participation – is defined as being included in the Team Lines submitted for any group play.

- 6 **ENTRY PROCEDURES** - A separate Entry Form **MUST** be submitted for Joint Teams. Details of Contact Person etc should be clearly given. *Entry forms for Joint Football Teams should be signed by all participating Companies.* A separate remittance of the Entry Fee should be made with the form.

General Notes – All other details are contained in the Competition Regulations.

The aim of trialling this Scheme is to increase participation by the boys. Details 4 and 5 above are control mechanisms to ensure that common and fair practice is used in all Regions. It is hoped that companies, particularly small companies, may see their way to co-operating with their near neighbours for the benefit of their boys.

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