



PE Primary MSG Football (Main) 5-aside Age Category Year 4 – Official Guidelines

Sportsmanship: Respect all players, referees, coaches, spectators, and volunteers. Celebrate good play on all sides.

- **Safety:** Follow instructions from referees and staff. Shin guards are mandatory; no play without them.
- **Fair Play:** Compete honestly, respect decisions, and give your best.
- **Enjoyment:** Play hard, have fun, and support teammates.
- **Respectful Behaviour:** Aggression, arguing, or disrespect from players or adults will not be tolerated.

Eligibility

- Players must be born in 2017.
- All players must be officially enrolled at the school or college they are representing.
- Only those registered for the event with the MEYR Centre for PE & Sport for this event may participate.
- Teams may have up to two designated educators as coaches, who must be from the participating school.

Player Guidelines Kit & Equipment:

- Players must wear team kit, shin guards (under socks), and appropriate footwear moulded studs or astro-turf shoes.
- Metal studs and jewellery are not allowed.
- Players must have **drinking water, sun protection, and a rain jacket.**

Match Format:

- 5-a-side, including goalkeeper.
- Max 10 players per team (minimum players per team 8)
- Games last 20 minutes.
- Substitutions can be made at stoppages with referee permission.





Key Rules:

- All free kicks are indirect.
- Kick-ins must be taken from the line with the foot. Goals cannot be scored directly from kick-ins.
- Goalkeepers may not handle (catch the ball) deliberate back-passes.
- They may not kick the ball beyond halfway unless touched by another player.
- After intercepting a pass, goalkeepers can move freely and pass or shoot from any position.
- All sideline restarts are kick-ins.
- There is no offside rule, but goal-hanging is discouraged and may be penalised.

Player Conduct:

- Play fairly and aim for the ball. No dangerous tackles, rough play, dissent, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Referee decisions are final.
- Only team captains may seek clarification, if permitted.

After the Game:

- Show sportsmanship by thanking opponents and referee.
- Leave the pitch promptly.

Supervision & Conduct

Parents, relatives, and other family members are not allowed on-site and will be asked to leave.

- **Schools can bring supporters** from the same year group students to cheer their school team.
- **Be Supportive:** Cheer positively; focus on effort and sportsmanship. No criticism of players, coaches, or referees.
- **Spectator Zones Only:** Do not enter the pitch, technical areas, or stand behind goals.
- **No Coaching/Interference:** Do not instruct players or approach officials.

Coaches / Educators:

- Max two designated educators per team allowed in the technical area.
- Model respect, promote sportsmanship, and manage student behaviour calmly.
- One coach may stand to instruct.
- Only enter the field with referee permission.
- Respect all official decisions; use formal channels for concerns.





- Ensure players follow rules, manage subs, and keep areas tidy.
- Each school is responsible for its players, staff, and supporters.

Event Info:

- First aid staff will be present; know their location.
- Fixtures, results, and awards will be provided by organisers.

Consequences:

- **Players:** Misconduct may result in penalties, suspension, or dismissal.
- **Teams:** Serious or repeated misconduct may lead to disqualification or future event exclusion.

Final decisions rest with referees and event officials and above information is mandatory.

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Photography During MSG Events

Important Information:

- Photos will be taken in a general manner, and we regret to inform you that we will not be able to remove or edit any images upon request.
- It is essential that every student participating in any MSG event has a signed consent form from their parent or guardian.
- It is the **responsibility of each school** to ensure that consent forms are collected and properly managed.





Commitment & Scheduling

- Schools must **fully commit** to participation.
 - **Withdrawals after preparations** are unfair and discouraged.
 - Schools are responsible for their own **transport arrangements and costs**.
 - **No individual emails** requesting date changes or indicating unavailability will be accepted.
 - **Event dates cannot be altered.**
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- **Postponements** will only occur in cases of **severe weather or uncontrollable circumstances**.
 - Events will proceed in case of **isolated showers**.
 - Schools will be notified via **email** about any postponements or cancellations.

Registration & Further Details

A Microsoft Form will be sent to all schools that express interest in participating in the event. This form will be used to: Confirm participation and Submit Players details.

Further event details, including schedules, grouping, and final instructions, will be shared with registered schools following confirmation.

Late registrations will not be Accepted.

