



## East Berks Football Alliance (EBFA - Our Kids - Their Dreams)

### Constitution of the Competition for the Season 2025/2026

Version 1.00 Final Version

The following procedure will be subject to change each season as circumstances require.

1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Club/Team Applications Open on <a href="http://www.gotsport.com">www.gotsport.com</a>
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Club/Team Applications Close on <a href="http://www.gotsport.com">www.gotsport.com</a>
7 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2025	Email the Clubs/Team to complete the preferred Section/Division on GotSport.  Close on 14-Jun-2025. Team Application data from <a href="http://www.gotsport.com">www.gotsport.com</a> used to start 25/26 streaming of all age groups
15 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2025	League allocates team numbers on GotSport for the season 25/26.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun 2025	GotSport Player Registration – Zoom sessions to demonstrate use of Squad Builder to add players to the Team's Event Squad, and the purchase procedure of the EBFA GS-Player Reg Fee on GotSport.
15 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2025	AGM-25 - New Club/Team Application Voted on by Member Clubs – Double Tree by Hilton, Wokingham, RG40 1ST.8:00 pm to 11 pm.
16 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2025	League - Invoices to Clubs for 2025/26 Team Fees, created on GotSport for each Club. No refunds after AGM-25
17 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2025	<p>GotSport Player Registration System is open on <a href="http://www.gotsport.com">www.gotsport.com</a></p> <p>Unapproved players can be moved between teams up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.</p> <p>Existing players need an up-to-date photo, JPG (last 3 months) of the top half of their bodies, including head shoulders and both arms in image, and an online GotSport league parent/guardian agreement form (GS-LPGAF) completed. (The form is available when the parent/guardian logs in to GotSport.)</p> <p>New players are created in Club Management / Players and added as team members to the team via Bulk Actions. Player needs a photo JPG (last 3 months) – top half of body, Passport or Birth Certificate PDF or JPG as proof of age/proof of birthplace, and an online GotSport league parent/guardian agreement form (GS-LPGAF) completed. (Available on parent/guardian login to GotSport.</p> <p>Existing players can be searched by First Name, Surname, and DOB to add them to the Club's Players pool or to a team via bulk actions.</p> <p>Player added to Team Event Squad via Squad Builder - £4 per player 01-Jun-25 to 31-Mar-26. (31-Mar-26 being EBFA closure of Player/Transfer Registration Window).</p>
20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2025	Team Streaming and preference data from GotSport sent to Div Secs

31 <sup>st</sup> Jul 2025	<p>Deadline for No Later Player Registration Fees for players registered on <a href="http://www.gotsport.com">www.gotsport.com</a></p> <p>01-Jun-25 to 31<sup>st</sup> Jul-25 Late Player Registration Fees £0.00 Plus £4 GS Player Registration Fee. ID Cards collection at GM-25 on 04-Sep-25.</p> <p>01-Aug-25 to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug-25 Late Player Registration Fees £6.00 Plus £4 GS Player Registration Fee. ID Cards collection at GM-25 on 04-Sep-25, by Club representatives.</p> <p>01-Sep-25 to 31<sup>st</sup> Mar-26 Late Player Registration Fees £7.50 Plus £4 GS Player Registration Fee. ID Cards dispatched by post to the Manager's GotSport Address.</p>
Wk1 Aug 2025	<p>U7 to U18 divisional structures for all age groups agreed upon with EBFA Div Secs.</p> <p>Clubs add venues and pitches to GotSport.</p>
Wk1/2 Aug 2025	The U12 and U14 to U18 Divisional structures have been sent to Teams. The 10-day consultation period between Div Secs and Teams is now open.
Wk1/2 Aug 2025	The U7 to U11 and U13 Section structures have been sent to Teams. The 10-day Club/Team comments period between Div Secs and Teams is now open.
Wk2/3 Aug 2025	U12 and U14 to U21 Final Structures recommendation by Div Secs published to Clubs/Teams
Wk2/3 Aug 2025	U7 to U11 and U13 Section Final Structures recommendation by Div Secs published to Clubs/Teams
Wk3 (Aug 2025)	Pitch Balancing Completed for fixture scheduling.
Wk4 (Aug 2025)	Published Structures on <a href="http://www.gotsport.com">www.gotsport.com</a> and <a href="http://www.eastberksfa.com">www.eastberksfa.com</a> websites. Fixtures published on <a href="http://www.gotsport.com">www.gotsport.com</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep 2025	Fine Club with teams that have not registered sufficient players. 5v5 – 5 Players, 7v7 – 7 Players, 9v9 9 Players and 11v11 11 Players.
4 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025	<p>Pre-Season General Meeting (GM-25)– All Clubs (2 representatives) to attend on 4<sup>th</sup> September from 7:30 pm @ Garth College)</p> <p>SGM for Constitution Meeting. U12 and U14 to U18 Division by Division Vote to accept the Competition's Constitution for The Ensuing Season.</p> <p>Player Registration ID Cards Collection.</p>
Wk1 (Sep 2025)	Update any published structure changes on <a href="http://www.gotsport.com">www.gotsport.com</a> and <a href="http://www.eastberksfa.com">www.eastberksfa.com</a> websites.
6 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2025	U07s – U18s Start of Season (6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025)
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2026	End of Season for Section and Divisional Matches (Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2026, Last Saturday is 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026)

## 2025/26 Applications – 930 Teams (@ 12-Jul-25)

All Teams entered in EBFA 25/26 -> [GotSport Web Link](#)

Age Group	No Teams	Available Sections
U07	58	A/1, B/2, C/3, D/4, E/5 and F/6 only
U08	77	A/1, B/2, C/3, D/4, E/5, F/6, G/7 and H/8 only
U09	77	A/1, B/2, C/3, D/4, E/5, F/6, G/7 and H/8 only
U10	90	A/1, B/2, C/3, D/4, E/5, F/6, G/7, H/8 and I/9 only
U11	86	A/1, B/2, C/3, D/4, E/5, F/6, G/7 and H/8 only

Age Group	No Teams	Available Divisions
U12	93	Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 only
U13*	82	Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 only
U14	88	Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 only
U15	85	Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 only
U16	87	Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 only
U17	57	Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 only
U18	43	Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 only

Note U13s from Sep-Dec play in Sections and then Jan-May in Divisions, but please select a Divisional preference.

The EBFA policy for the size of a section/division is that U7s to U10s have a minimum of 8 teams and a maximum of 10 teams, and U11s to U21s have a minimum of 10 teams and a maximum of 12 teams—all subject to applications in each age group.

After the AGM, the EBFA Management Committee is authorised to accept late applications if space is available in the age group.

U7s to U11s and U13s are structured into sections, which are organized in two parts: Sep-Dec and Jan-May. The league or clubs/teams do not publish results or tables for U7s to U11s.

U12s and U14s to U21s - Policy on the team application to move divisions after the final structure appeals or start of the season

1. Teams shall only move divisions in January, after 11th week fixture.
2. Teams shall only be moved if there is an available slot in the division, one below their division.
3. Teams must on average points per game be the bottom team in their division and must apply to be considered for a move down a division.
4. Results from Sep to Dec shall be removed from system.
5. Teams changing division shall play each team in their new division once before the end of the season.
6. Teams can also apply to move up Divisions, if space is available, again teams moving up divisions shall play each team in their new division once before the end of the season.

Divisional changes can only be approved via the above policy – SCOYR.

### Scheduling Priorities

At U12 to U18, Divisional Secretaries are authorized to give scheduling, cancellation, and rescheduling priority to fixtures that affect teams competing for the championship and runner-up positions.

At U7 to U18, Divisional Secretaries are authorised to give scheduling, cancellation, and rescheduling priority to trophy event fixtures.

### Trophy Events

Trophy events are held for all age groups. Trophy Event Finals dates (Date yet to be agreed with Ascot United FC and Binfield FC) are:

18-Apr-26 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – U12s Cup/Plate, U15s Cup and U16s Cup	9am-3pm	Binfield FC
24-Apr-26 Friday	Trophy Event Finals – U17s Cup	Friday 7:30pm	Binfield FC
25-Apr-26 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – U11s Cup/Plate/Shield & U14s Plate and U15s Plate	9am-3pm	Binfield FC
01-May-26 Friday	Trophy Event Finals – U18s Cup	Friday 7:30pm	Ascot United FC
02-May-26 Saturday	Trophy Event Finals – 4xU7s Finals, 6xU8s Finals, U9s Cup/Plate/Shield, U10s Cup/Plate/Shield, U13s Cup/Plate, U14s Cup and U16 Plate	9am-4pm	Ascot United FC

Do not book your team for End-of-Season Tournaments or other leagues' summer competitions and then ask the League to move a Trophy Event Final match—it will not be authorised; Trophy Event Finals are not moved.