



# East Berks Football Alliance

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## Player Age Bands 2025/2026

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 2025/2026:

### Mini-Soccer – 5v5 Football – Mixed Gender

Age Group	Format	Age Range	Date of Birth Range	Gender
Under 7 <sup>β</sup>	5v5	Over 6 but under 7	1 Sep 2018 to 31 Aug 2019	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
		Rising 6 year olds <sup>β</sup>	1 Sep 2019 to 3 May 2020 <sup>β</sup>	
Under 8	5v5	Over 6 but under 8	1 Sep 2017 to 31 Aug 2019	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 2016 to 31 Aug 2018	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 10	7v7	Over 8 but under 10	1 Sep 2015 to 31 Aug 2017	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 2014 to 31 Aug 2016	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 12	9v9	Over 10 but under 12	1 Sep 2013 to 31 Aug 2015	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 2012 to 31 Aug 2014	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 14	11v11	Over 12 but under 14	1 Sep 2011 to 31 Aug 2013	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 15	11v11	Over 13 but under 15	1 Sep 2010 to 31 Aug 2012	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 16	11v11	Over 14 but under 16	1 Sep 2009 to 31 Aug 2011	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 17	11v11	Over 15 but under 17	1 Sep 2008 to 31 Aug 2010	Boys & Girls (Mixed/Coed)
Under 18	11v11	Over 15 but under 18	1 Sep 2007 to 31 Aug 2010	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 2004 to 31 Aug 2009	Male

## Notes

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

#### Summary – EBFA 2025/26 season

U7s play	5v5 format	– Players U7s only and rising 6 years old, 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 club's insurance reasons and the FA Standard Code of Rules, players may not register or play in the wrong age group. The FA makes no exceptions whatsoever.

### School Year (\*)

The school year is only a guide; always use the Date of Birth to determine the age group.

### Proof of Age (Date of Birth and Nationality)

When registering a player who did not play in your Club in the 2024/25 season, a proof of age/proof of birthplace 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](http://www.gotSPORT.com) system.

### Age Band Table

<b>U07s (5v5) ( Mixed Gender ) <sup>β</sup></b>	Sep18 Oct18 Nov18 Dec18 Jan19 Feb19 Mar19 Apr19 May19 Jun19 Jul19 Aug19 <sup>β</sup> Sep19 <sup>β</sup> Oct19 <sup>β</sup> Nov19 <sup>β</sup> Dec19 <sup>β</sup> Jan20 <sup>β</sup> Feb20 <sup>β</sup> Mar20 <sup>β</sup> Apr29 <sup>β</sup> May20
<b>U08s (5v5) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep17 Oct17 Nov17 Dec17 Jan18 Feb18 Mar18 Apr18 May18 Jun18 Jul18 Aug18 Sep18 Oct18 Nov18 Dec18 Jan19 Feb19 Mar19 Apr19 May19 Jun19 Jul19 Aug19
<b>U09s (7v7) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep16 Oct16 Nov16 Dec16 Jan17 Feb17 Mar17 Apr17 May17 Jun17 Jul17 Aug17 Sep17 Oct17 Nov17 Dec17 Jan18 Feb18 Mar18 Apr18 May18 Jun18 Jul18 Aug18
<b>U10s (7v7) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep15 Oct15 Nov15 Dec15 Jan16 Feb16 Mar16 Apr16 May16 Jun16 Jul16 Aug16 Sep16 Oct16 Nov16 Dec16 Jan17 Feb17 Mar17 Apr17 May17 Jun17 Jul17 Aug17
<b>U11s (9v9) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep14 Oct14 Nov14 Dec14 Jan15 Feb15 Mar15 Apr15 May15 Jun15 Jul15 Aug15 Sep15 Oct15 Nov15 Dec15 Jan16 Feb16 Mar16 Apr16 May16 Jun16 Jul16 Aug16
<b>U12s (9v9) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep13 Oct13 Nov13 Dec13 Jan14 Feb14 Mar14 Apr14 May14 Jun14 Jul14 Aug14 Sep14 Oct14 Nov14 Dec14 Jan15 Feb15 Mar15 Apr15 May15 Jun15 Jul15 Aug15
<b>U13s (11v11) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep12 Oct12 Nov12 Dec12 Jan13 Feb13 Mar13 Apr13 May13 Jun13 Jul13 Aug13 Sep13 Oct13 Nov13 Dec13 Jan14 Feb14 Mar14 Apr14 May14 Jun14 Jul14 Aug14
<b>U14s (11v11) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep11 Oct11 Nov11 Dec11 Jan12 Feb12 Mar12 Apr12 May12 Jun12 Jul12 Aug12 Sep12 Oct12 Nov12 Dec12 Jan13 Feb13 Mar13 Apr13 May13 Jun13 Jul13 Aug13
<b>U15s (11v11) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep10 Oct10 Nov10 Dec10 Jan11 Feb11 Mar11 Apr11 May11 Jun11 Jul11 Aug11 Sep11 Oct11 Nov11 Dec11 Jan12 Feb12 Mar12 Apr12 May12 Jun12 Jul12 Aug12
<b>U16s (11v11) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep09 Oct09 Nov09 Dec09 Jan10 Feb10 Mar10 Apr10 May10 Jun10 Jul10 Aug10 Sep10 Oct10 Nov10 Dec10 Jan11 Feb11 Mar11 Apr11 May11 Jun11 Jul11 Aug11
<b>U17s (11v11) ( Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep08 Oct08 Nov08 Dec08 Jan09 Feb09 Mar09 Apr09 May09 Jun09 Jul09 Aug09 Sep09 Oct09 Nov09 Dec09 Jan10 Feb10 Mar10 Apr10 May10 Jun10 Jul10 Aug10
<b>U18s (11v11) (Mixed Gender )</b>	Sep07 Oct07 Nov07 Dec07 Jan08 Feb08 Mar08 Apr08 May08 Jun08 Jul08 Aug08 Sep08 Oct08 Nov08 Dec08 Jan09 Feb09 Mar09 Apr09 May09 Jun09 Jul09 Aug09 Sep09 Oct09 Nov09 Dec09 Jan10 Feb10 Mar10 Apr10 May10 Jun10 Jul10 Aug10
<b>U21s (11v11) ( Males Only)</b>	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 Sep07 Oct07 Nov07 Dec07 Jan08 Feb08 Mar08 Apr08 May08 Jun08 Jul08 Aug08 Sep08 Oct08 Nov08 Dec08 Jan09 Feb09 Mar09 Apr09 May09 Jun09 Jul09 Aug09

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All Player registrations are done via the [www.gotsport.com](http://www.gotsport.com) portal:

The GotSport Player Registration Fee Jun-25 to 31-Mar-25 is £4.00

Late Player Registration Fees are:

Jun-25 to 31-Jul-25 – GotSport/Whole Game System Late Player registrations are zero.

01-Aug-25 to 31-Aug-25 – GotSport/Whole Game System Late Player registrations are £6.00

01-Sep-25 to 31-Mar-26 – GotSport/Whole Game System Late Player registrations are £7.50

If the player is registered to your team for the 2025/26 season, who was registered in your Club/Team in the 2024/25 season, then:

The Club GotSport administrator can move players from team to team. Do not create a new record for a player already in your club; get your Club GotSport 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).

The player requires a new passport-style and size photo taken in the last three months. Editing the images will be charged. See the common errors document on [www.eastberkfsfa.com](http://www.eastberkfsfa.com) and use the template for photos. Leaving this to your parents to upload is very expensive for your club.

Please check that the players' address, email, mobile, and parents' details, such as emails, are current.

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](http://www.eastberkfsfa.com)

Once the player has a complicated photo, address, and email, and the guardians have completed the online Guardian Agreement form, 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 “V-” at the start of the player's Jersey field, the player cannot play in EBFA matches for 2025/26.

If a player is registered to your team and is new to your Club/Team for 2025/26, 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.

The player requires a new passport-style and size photo taken in the last three months. Editing the photos will be charged. See the common errors document on [www.eastberkfsfa.com](http://www.eastberkfsfa.com) and use the template for photos. Note that leaving this to your parents to upload is very expensive for your club.

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

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](http://www.eastberkfsfa.com)

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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).

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

Then EBFA will check that the player has completed the whole registration process on GotSport and approve the player on WGS. On WGS approval, EBFA will update the GotSport Player Registration record with an update to the start of the Player Jersey number with "Z-", meaning the player can play in EBFA 25/26 matches.

If the player has "N-" in the jersey field, then the player has not completed GotSport player registrations, the League has not approved the Whole Game System, and the player cannot play in EBFA 25/26 matches.

If the player has "V-" at the start of the Jersey field, the player played last season 24/25 but has not completed GotSport player registrations for the 25/26 season. The League will not have approved the player on WGS and cannot play in EBFA 25/26 matches.

The EBFA GotSport to WGS verification process is:

Players who have completed the GotSport Player Registration process. Note: GotSport Player Registration is audited and locked for

Legal 1<sup>st</sup> and Surname matching a Passport or Birth Certificate, and a Deed Poll if actioned and provided.  
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(EBFA League ONLY supports the use of legal names.)

The player does not require FA/FIFA International Clearance or has been granted ITC or ITC Exception by the FA Registration Dept.

The player has a high-quality compliant head, Upper body, and arms compliant photo of the player, taken in the last 3 months.

The player has a Full Address on GotSport.

The player completed a GotSport League Player/Guardian Agreement Form for 25/26.

The Player ID Card may not be printed by clubs or teams from the GotSport system.

Jersey Field will start with "V-" or "N"-.

WGS records submitted to the League by Clubs are downloaded from WGS and processed against GotSport completed Players.

GotSport/WGS Player Registrations System checks are:

The player's legal First Name in WGS matches the audited GotSport registration.

The Players' legal Surname in WGS matches the audited GotSport registration.

The Players' Middle Initials/Names should not be entered on WGS.

The player's Date of Birth in WGS matches the DOB that has been audited in GotSport

The player is registered in WGS to the team that they are registered as a Player on the GotSport system.

If the Player's WGS does not comply with the above, EBFA will update the GotSport Player Registration record by replacing the start of the Player Jersey number with "WGS-", meaning the player can play in EBFA 25/26 matches.

Once a player is registered on GotSport, a Player ID Card will be printed and issued to the Clubs at the September EBFA General Meeting or posted to the Manager of the Player's team after this meeting.