

SCOTTISH FA



CLUB ACADEMY SCOTLAND

***FESTIVALS &
CLUB PROGRAMME***

Club Academy Scotland must follow the Player Pathway as presented below. Festivals involving Grassroots Clubs and Pre Academy ages must follow the Scottish FA Player Journey for Maximum Game Formats.

- Festivals may be played across Saturday or Sunday
- Trophies are not permitted in the Children's Academy phase.
- All SYFA Clubs participating in CAS Club Programmes must have an approved permit from the SYFA.
- Bio-banding events are permitted with Club Academy Scotland Festivals and Club Programmes.

CAS Rules & Regulations are available to download [Club Academy Scotland | Performance| Scottish FA](#)

Player Journey are available to download [Player Journey | Football Development | Scottish FA](#)

	YEAR OF BIRTH	2015	2014	2015	2013	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010 / 2009	2008 / 2007
	CAS TIER	Elite	Elite	Performance	Elite	Performance	Performance	Elite / Performance	Elite / Performance	Elite / Performance / Advanced Youth	Elite / Performance / Advanced Youth
	AGE	11s	12s	11s	13s	12s	13s	U14s	U15s	U17s	U19s
	MAX PERMITTED FORMAT	7x7	7x7	8v8	9v9	9v9	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11
	ADVISED MAXIMUM GAME-DAY SQUAD	10	10	13	14	14	18	18	18	18	18
	PLAYING SEASON	July to June	July to December transition to 9v9 in January	July to June	July to December transition to 11v11 in January	July to June	July to June	July to June	July to June	July to June	July to June
	BALL SIZE	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
	OFFSIDE	Only at direct free-kicks	✓	Only at direct free-kicks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	THROW INS	✗	✗	✗	No (9v9) Yes (11v11)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	KICK INS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	DRIBBLE IN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	PASS BACK RULE APPLIED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	FREE KICKS	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply
	CORNERS	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply	Normal Rules Apply
	RETREATING LINE	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	SUBS	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	7 Subs Rolling	7 Subs Rolling	7 Subs Rolling	5/7 Subs (3 opps)
	MAX LENGTH OF GAME	Max 90mins over 2 matches	Max 90mins over 2 matches	3x 30mins	3x 30mins	3x 30mins	3x 30mins	3x 30mins	2x 45mins	2x 45mins	2x 45mins
	REFEREE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	TROPHY/RESULTS	✗	✗	✗	1 x Cup Competition	✗	1 x Cup Competition	1 x Cup Competition	1 x Cup Competition	✓	✓
	MAX PITCH DIMENSIONS	36-45m x 55-65m	36-45m x 55-65m (9v9 dimensions in January)	36-45m x 55-65m	42 - 47m x 65 - 75m (Modified Pitch Size) Marked Technical area for coaches	42 - 47m x 65 - 75m (Modified Pitch Size) Marked Technical area for coaches	42 - 47m x 65 - 75m (Modified Pitch Size) Marked Technical area for coaches	42 - 47m x 65 - 75m (Modified Pitch Size) Marked Technical area for coaches	FIFA RULES	FIFA RULES	FIFA RULES
	MAX GOAL SIZE	4.9m x 1.8m (16ft x 6ft)	4.9m x 1.8m (16ft x 6ft)	4.9m x 1.8m (16ft x 6ft)	7ft x 21ft	4.9m x 1.8m (16ft x 6ft)	7ft x 21ft	7ft x 21ft	Full Size	Full Size	Full Size
	COACH ED	Advanced Childrens Licence	Advanced Childrens Licence	Advanced Childrens Licence	Pro / A / Elite Youth A Licence	Advanced Childrens Licence	Pro / A / Elite Youth A Licence	Pro / A / Elite Youth A Licence	Pro / A / Elite Youth A Licence	Pro / A / Elite Youth A Licence	Pro / A / Elite Youth A Licence
	COACH IN SERVICE	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services	CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services

FESTIVAL 1 – 30/31 AUGUST 2025

Hosts are in bold gold lettering

UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 25/26			
Sat 30/08	Falkirk	Aberdeen	Dundee United
Sat 30/08	Heart of Midlothian	Hibernian	Livingston
Sat 30/08	Dundee	Dunfermline Athletic	St Johnstone
Sat 30/08	St Mirren	Greenock Morton	Hamilton Academical
Sat 30/08	Motherwell	Celtic	Ayr United
Sat 30/08	Kilmarnock	Partick Thistle	Rangers
Sat 30/08	Ross County	Inverness CT	

UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 25/26			
Sun 31/08	Aberdeen	Falkirk	Dundee United
Sun 31/08	Hibernian	Heart of Midlothian	Livingston
Sun 31/08	Dunfermline Athletic	Dundee	St Johnstone
Sun 31/08	Hamilton Academicals	St Mirren	Greenock Morton
Sun 31/08	Celtic	Motherwell	Ayr United
Sun 31/08	Rangers	Kilmarnock	Partick Thistle
Sun 31/08	Inverness CT	Ross County	

FESTIVAL 2 – 25/26 OCTOBER 2025

UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 25/26			
Sat 25/10	Celtic	St Mirren	St Johnstone
Sat 25/10	Rangers	Kilmarnock	Dunfermline Athletic
Sat 25/10	Aberdeen	Livingston	Inverness CT
Sat 25/10	Dundee United	Greenock Morton	Motherwell
Sat 25/10	Hibernian	Ross County	Dundee
Sat 25/10	Hamilton Academicals	Partick Thistle	Falkirk
Sat 25/10	Ayr United	Heart of Midlothian	

UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 25/26			
Sun 26/10	St Mirren	Celtic	St Johnstone
Sun 26/10	Kilmarnock	Rangers	Dunfermline Athletic
Sun 26/10	Livingston	Aberdeen	Inverness CT
Sun 26/10	Motherwell	Greenock Morton	Dundee United
Sun 26/10	Dundee	Hibernian	Ross County
Sun 26/10	Falkirk	Hamilton Academicals	Partick Thistle
Sun 26/10	Heart of Midlothian	Ayr United	

FESTIVAL 3 – 29/30 NOVEMBER 2025

UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 25/26 SEASON			
Sat 29/11	Livingston	St Mirren	Dundee United
Sat 29/11	Inverness CT	Dundee	Ayr United
Sat 29/11	Dunfermline Athletic	Ross County	Heart of Midlothian
Sat 29/11	Partick Thistle	Hibernian	Kilmarnock
Sat 29/11	St Johnstone	Rangers	Motherwell
Sat 29/11	Greenock Morton	Aberdeen	Falkirk
Sat 29/11	Celtic	Hamilton Academicals	

UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 25/26 SEASON			
Sun 30/11	Dundee United	St Mirren	Livingston
Sun 30/11	Ayr United	Dundee	Inverness CT
Sun 30/11	Ross County	Dunfermline Athletic	Heart of Midlothian
Sun 30/11	Partick Thistle	Hibernian	Kilmarnock
Sun 30/11	St Johnstone	Rangers	Motherwell
Sun 30/11	Greenock Morton	Aberdeen	Falkirk
Sun 30/11	Celtic	Hamilton Academicals	

FESTIVAL 4 – 13/14 DECEMBER 2025

UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 25/26 SEASON			
Sat 13/12	Rangers	Inverness CT	Partick Thistle
Sat 13/12	Aberdeen	Dunfermline Athletic	Motherwell
Sat 13/12	Dundee United	Dundee	Hamilton Academical
Sat 13/12	Hibernian	Greenock Morton	Ross County
Sat 13/12	Heart of Midlothian	Livingston	St Johnstone
Sat 13/12	St Mirren	Ayr United	Celtic
Sat 13/12	Kilmarnock	Falkirk	

UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 25/26 SEASON			
Sun 14/12	Partick Thistle	Inverness CT	Rangers
Sun 14/12	Dunfermline Athletic	Aberdeen	Motherwell
Sun 14/12	Dundee	Dundee United	Hamilton Academical
Sun 14/12	Ross County	Hibernian	Greenock Morton
Sun 14/12	St Johnstone	Heart of Midlothian	Livingston
Sun 14/12	Ayr United	St Mirren	Celtic
Sun 14/12	Falkirk	Kilmarnock	

FESTIVAL 5 – 24/25 JANUARY 2026

UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 25/26			
Sat 24/01	Livingston	Partick Thistle	Dundee United
Sat 24/01	Greenock Morton	Aberdeen	St Mirren
Sat 24/01	Hamilton Academicals	Dunfermline Athletic	St Johnstone
Sat 24/01	Falkirk	Hibernian	Ross County
Sat 24/01	Motherwell	Inverness CT	Kilmarnock
Sat 24/01	Ayr United	Heart of Midlothian	Rangers
Sat 24/01	Dundee	Celtic	

UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 25/26			
Sun 25/01	Dundee United	Partick Thistle	Livingston
Sun 25/01	Aberdeen	Greenock Morton	St Mirren
Sun 25/01	Hamilton Academicals	Dunfermline Athletic	St Johnstone
Sun 25/01	Hibernian	Falkirk	Ross County
Sun 25/01	Kilmarnock	Motherwell	Inverness CT
Sun 25/01	Rangers	Ayr United	Heart of Midlothian
Sun 25/01	Celtic	Dundee	

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