

SCOTTISH FA



CLUB ACADEMY SCOTLAND

REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

- a) The Club Academy Scotland (“CAS”) and the Advanced Youth Programme are, together, performance-based youth football development programmes organised and managed by the Scottish FA for clubs in membership of the Scottish Professional Football League (“SPFL”). In terms of Article 5.1(b)(vii) and Article 5.2(c)(vii) of the Scottish FA Articles of Association, all such clubs and other appropriate persons under the jurisdiction of the Scottish FA agree to be bound by these Regulations as amended from time to time.
- b) The Judicial Panel shall have jurisdiction, subject to the terms of the Judicial Panel Protocol, to deal with any alleged breach of these Regulations. A club or other person under the jurisdiction of the Scottish FA, if found to have breached these Regulations, shall be liable to such penalty, condition or sanction as the Judicial Panel considers appropriate, including such sanctions as are contained within the Judicial Panel Protocol, in order to deal justly with the case in question, but without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to the Scottish FA (including, without limitation, the right to review a club’s status within the CAS and the Advanced Youth Programmes and the right to withhold any sums otherwise payable by the Scottish FA to a club in connection with the CAS or Advanced Youth Programme or impose such other financial sanctions as are deemed appropriate).
- c) For the start of Season 2026/27, clubs participating in the CAS and Advanced Youth Programmes have been organised into a grading structure in 2026 based on pre-determined Elite, Performance (Progressive), Performance and Advanced Youth criteria.
- d) The Scottish FA Professional Game Board (“PGB”) will have specific responsibility in considering, devising and advancing criteria and such matters in the CAS or Advanced Youth Programme.
- e) The Scottish FA Licensing Committee will have specific responsibility for the verification of applicable criteria standards developed for implementation within the CAS Programme.
- f) The CAS Games Programme at age levels Under 16/17 and 18/19s will be organised in the form of a tabulated League system. The Under 18/19 League system at Elite level for Season 2025/26 will be used to determine the club eligible to participate in the UEFA Youth League (2026/27) as Scottish domestic youth champions. The Under 18/19 League System at Elite level for Season (2026/27) will be used to determine the club eligible to participate in the UEFA Youth League (2027/28).
- g) Terms used in these Regulations which are defined in the Scottish FA’s Articles of Association shall have the same meanings in these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise.
- h) SPFL Clubs relegated in the previous season will be given the option of remaining in CAS for the following season.
- i) Where any rules or regulations relating to the operation of league or cup competitions within the CAS Games Programme refer to consents or approvals to be given by, or decisions to be made by, the League Administrator or the Secretary (or any similar role), the Scottish FA may (in its sole discretion) determine that the League Administrator or the Secretary (or other similar role), as the case may be, shall only grant such consent or approval, or take such decision, after consultation with such departments within the Scottish FA as are deemed appropriate in the circumstances of a particular case. In order to assist with requests for consents or approvals, or with other decision-making, in relation to the CAS Games Programme, the Scottish FA may from time to time publish defined outcomes that will apply in particular cases.

1 / CAS - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a) To promote, foster and develop the game of Association Football for elite and talented young people at age levels 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, 16/17s and 18/19s.
- b) To develop a challenging performance environment and structure for Scotland's elite and talented young people through the implementation, assessment and evaluation of agreed CAS standards.
- c) To help children and young people flourish by putting their safety, wellbeing, rights and enjoyment at the heart of CAS football.
- d) To observe and comply with the terms of the Scottish FA Performance Strategy.

- e) To observe the Child Wellbeing and Protection Strategy 2024-29 for Scottish Football and embed the values throughout each club's Academy.
- f) The provision and control of an organised youth development match programme for clubs participating in the CAS Programme in accordance with the principles set out above.
- g) To develop world class standards in all areas of the CAS Programme.

2 / APPLICABLE ELITE, PERFORMANCE (PROGRESSIVE), PERFORMANCE AND ADVANCED YOUTH GRADING

The full schedule of CAS Elite, Performance (Progressive), Performance and Advanced Youth criteria, and information related to the Scottish FA Grading Programme, is contained in the appendices to these Regulations.

Compliance with CAS criteria will be the subject of regular audit and assessment. CAS Information Sheets will require to be submitted to the Scottish FA on a quarterly basis throughout the year. The Scottish FA reserves the right to carry out audit spot checks at clubs without prior notice.

In observing the terms of specified CAS criteria, clubs are obliged to formally notify the Scottish FA of variances which occur outside of designated audit windows.

In addition, and without prejudice, to any other rights or remedies available to the Scottish FA (including, without limitation, the right to review a club's status within the CAS and Advanced Youth Programmes and the right to withhold any sums otherwise payable by the Scottish FA to a club in connection with the CAS or Advanced Youth Programme or impose such other financial sanctions as are deemed appropriate), any failure by a club to comply with any of the CAS Elite, Performance (Progressive), Performance and Advanced Youth criteria shall be deemed to be a breach of these Regulations.

3 / SCOPE OF APPLICATION

Clubs have already been awarded a grading level.

The grading awarded may be reviewed in December 2026 after which time it will remain in place until the end of June 2027, unless a) a club fails to meet its stated minimum criteria standard or b) a club applies for a lower grading level.

Clubs will be monitored against the minimum criteria provided by the clubs.

4 / GAMES PROGRAMME

The Chief Football Officer of the Scottish FA from time to time may make such recommendations to the PPGB in respect of invitations to such club(s) to participate at a specific level within the Games Programme. Such recommendations shall be considered by the PGB in its absolute discretion.

For Season 2026/27, the following Games Programmes will apply at the various levels:

Elite

Age Categories U11 – U15 - Elite tier academies will play each other a minimum of twice.

Age Categories U16/17 and U18/19 - Elite tier academies will play each other home and away.

Performance (Progressive)

Age Categories U11 – U15 - Performance (Progressive) tier academies will play each other a minimum of twice.

Advanced Youth + Performance (Progressive) U17/U19

Age Categories U16/17 Academies will play each other once before a respective split with a top half and bottom half. Subsequently teams will play each other once in their respective splits. U18/19 - academies will play each other home and away.

5 / PLAYERS

a) Eligibility to Play in the CAS Programme

Elite

A club will be permitted to register, by means of the appropriate Scottish FA Form, a maximum of 120 young people in total covering the Under 11 – Under 18/19 age categories during the Season, provided that such maximum figure of 120 must include any young people born on or after 1 January 2016 registered by the club in January 2026.

Performance (Progressive) and Performance

A club will be permitted to register, by means of the appropriate Scottish FA Form, a maximum of 105 young people in total covering the Under 11 – Under 18/19 age categories during the Season, provided that such maximum figure of 105 must include any young people born on or after 1 January 2016 registered by the club in January 2026.

Elite, Performance (Progressive) and Performance

To be eligible to participate in a CAS match, a young person will require to be registered for his club by means of the appropriate Scottish FA Form, except for a young person playing as a Trialist, in accordance with the terms of paragraph 5c) below.

A club's complement of young people may be supplemented by young people registered on a Scottish FA Registration Form for Amateur or Professional Players.

Advanced Youth

A club in the Advanced Youth Programme will be permitted to register a maximum of 16 young people per age level, on the appropriate Scottish FA Registration Form.

The terms and conditions of the Scottish FA Registration Procedures apply.

It is recommended that young people should be involved in at least 75% of fixtures.

b) Applicable Age Levels in the CAS Programme

Table above shows the oldest age groups that players can compete, who are born on or after 1st January for relevant year. (unless approved through Growth & Maturation rules)

| AGE | SEASON | 26/27 | 27/28 | 28/29 | 29/30 |
|-----|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 19s | - | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| 17s | - | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| 15s | - | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| 14s | - | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| 13s | - | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| 12s | - | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| 11s | - | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |

c) Playing of Players without Registration

No more than three (four for 7-a-side, 8-a-side and 9-a-side matches) trial young people (per team) may be allowed to participate in any CAS match. Each trial young person may be allowed to participate in a maximum of five matches (unlimited matches at age level 11s) in the CAS Programme for any one club providing he is otherwise eligible to do so, provided that the PGB shall have discretion to increase such maximum number of matches in circumstances where it deems it appropriate to do so.

Use of Overseas Trialists

'Overseas trialists are not permitted to participate in any CAS matches at any age level. Clubs wishing to conduct trials of overseas U18 players should refer to the relevant FIFA Regulations and Guidance.'

d) Participation in Schools' Football

An Amateur Player Age Group 10-17 registered with a club in full membership of the Scottish FA or in membership of an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated National Association may also play for his/her school team

e) Growth and Maturation Screening

For Season 2026-27, the Scottish FA will introduce Growth and Maturation Screening Protocols. Players within the Club Academy Scotland system will be eligible to play down a biological age group if their maturation age has been determined and approved by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) following the required screening tests. Clubs will be required to submit maturation screening data to the Scottish Football Association to approve. This approval is granted for a period of three months, with the four quarterly windows starting in January, April, July, and October. If approval has not been granted, players will be unable to play down an age group. This will be implemented across all age levels of the CAS programme.

f) Goalkeepers

A goalkeeper is not permitted to play at the age level immediately below their designated age category, unless the goalkeeper comes under Section 5e) of these Regulations. Please see CAS League Rules relating to age categories Under 17 and Under 19.

g) Approaches by and to Clubs

Other than in accordance with the SPFL Rules in relation to Commitment Letters, which must be strictly adhered to, a club shall not, either directly or indirectly, make any approach to or communicate with a young person registered with another participating club or a player with whom another participating club has entered into a pre-registration agreement which remains current. Please refer to Scouting Protocols [Club Academy Scotland | Performance | Scottish FA](#)

h) Player Education / “In-Service” Training

As a minimum requirement, clubs must ensure that young people have access to supplementary educational provision and career planning services developed and provided by the Scottish FA Football Development Department.

Attendance at Scottish FA “in-service” training courses for club coaches and staff involved in the CAS Programme is mandatory.

i) Release of Players for National Squad Gatherings

It is a mandatory obligation for clubs participating in the CAS Programme to release young people selected for Scottish FA National Squad gatherings.

j) Parent Club

‘A professional player on loan to another club may play for his parent club in CAS matches providing that he is otherwise eligible to do so.’

6 / CHILD WELLBEING AND PROTECTION

Academies will create a culture of safety and wellbeing for under 19 players, where young people are empowered through active promotion of their rights.

Academies will comply with the most recent version of the Scottish FA Directive, which provides a framework of minimum standards for the protection and wellbeing of young people involved in Scottish football.

Academies seeking Elite, Performance (Progressive), Performance and Advanced Youth levels, must evidence progress towards embedding Sport Scotland’s Standards for Child Wellbeing and Protection by undertaking a self-assessment and producing an action plan. Progress will be supported/monitored through the Club Licensing process.

CAS Information Sheets must be submitted by the clubs in Elite, Performance (Progressive), Performance and Advanced Youth levels to the Scottish FA before the start of every Season. The Information Sheet must be accompanied by the Training and Recruitment Record. Academy staff should not be engaged in their roles until the various requirements detailed on the Training and Recruitment (PVG checks, CWSF training and signing up to Code of Conduct) have been completed. The Scottish FA will cross-reference the information provided on the CAS Information Sheet and the Training and Recruitment Record. Any variances identified may be considered a disciplinary matter under the Scottish FA’s Articles of Association, as the club would be in breach of the terms of the Board Directive on Child Wellbeing and Protection

| YEAR OF BIRTH | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 / 2010 | 2009 / 2008 |
|--------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| CAS TIER | Elite | Elite | Performance | Elite | Elite | Performance | Performance | Elite / Performance | Elite / Performance | Elite / Performance / Advanced Youth | Elite / Performance / Advanced Youth |
| AGE | 11s | 12s | 11s | 12s | 13s | 12s | 13s | U14s | U15s | U17s | U19s |
| MAX PERMITTED FORMAT | 7x7 | 7x7 | 8v8 | 9v9 | 9v9 | 9v9 | 11v11 (M) | 11v11 (M) | 11v11 | 11v11 | 11v11 |
| ADVISED MAXIMUM GAME-DAY SQUAD | 10 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| PLAYING SEASON | July to June | July to December | 8v8 | 9v9 | Jan 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 |
| BALL SIZE | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| OFFSIDE | Free-kicks only | ✓ | Free-kicks only | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| THROW INS | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ (9v9) ✓ (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 | 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 | Normal Rules Apply |
| RETREATING LINE | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ |
| SUBS | Rolling | Rolling | Rolling | Rolling | Rolling | Rolling | Rolling | 7 Subs Rolling | 7 Subs Rolling | 7/7 Subs (3 opps) + concussion sub | 5/7 Subs (3 opps) + concussion sub |
| MAX LENGTH OF GAME | Max 90mins over 2 matches | Max 90mins over 2 matches | 3x 30mins | Max 90mins over 2 matches | 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 | 36-45m x 55-65m (9v9 dimensions in January) | 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) | 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 | 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 | CPD x 15 Hours + Club lead in-services |

7 / FORMAT OF CAS MATCHES

Scottish FA, CAS Programme - Default Match Day and KO Times.

| ELITE | GAMEDAY | KO TIME | PERFORMANCE | GAME DAY | KO TIME | ADVANCED YOUTH | GAMEDAY | KO TIME |
|-------|----------|---------|-------------|----------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 19s | Tuesday | 7PM | 19s | Tuesday | 7PM | 19s | Tuesday | 7PM |
| 17s | Friday | 7PM | 17s | Friday | 7PM | 17s | Friday | 7PM |
| 15s | Saturday | | 15s | Saturday | | 15s | | |
| 14s | Sunday | | 14s | Sunday | | 14s | | |
| 13s | Saturday | | 13s | Saturday | | 13s | | |
| 12s | Sunday | | 12s | Sunday | | 12s | | |
| 11s | Saturday | | 11s | Sunday | | 11s | | |

a) Coaching, Advice and Tuition (All Age Levels)

At the conclusion of each period of play, the coaches of each participating club shall be permitted to offer coaching, advice and tuition to players. In addition, the match referee and where applicable, the Referee Observer in attendance, shall also be permitted to offer advice on the Laws of the Game and the reasons for decisions that have taken place during the preceding period of play.

- b) All individuals listed on the match day team sheets must be included on the Training and Recruitment Record.
- c) Respect for match referees and officials will be demonstrated at all matches at all levels. Where the match officials are under the age of 18 years, the Children's Wellbeing in Scottish Football policy framework also applies to that official.

8 / FORMAT, ORGANISATION & GOVERNANCE OF CAS LEAGUE SYSTEM (AGE LEVEL U16/17S & U18/19S)

a) Format U19s League System

For Season 2026/27, a system of officially tabulated and recorded League matches will be organised within the U17 & U19 programme as follows:

All U19s League matches will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

A referee and two assistant referees will be appointed to officiate at all fixtures within the Elite Games Programme, with all other category matches being officiated by referee only.

Substitutions

In accordance with the Laws of the Game, a club will be permitted to make a maximum of five substitutions on three opportunities (from seven available substitutes) during a U19s League match.

For the avoidance of doubt, a player substituted during a U19s League fixture may take no further part in that match.

Concussion substitutes in accordance with the Laws of the Game may be used.

Overage Players

Elite League – A club will be permitted to play a maximum of 3 Overage Players during a U19s League match. No trialists can be overage.

Performance & Advanced Youth League - A club will be permitted to play a maximum of 5 Overage Players during a U19s League match. No trialist can be overage.

Player Eligibility - To be eligible to play in the U19 age group, players must be 15 years or more on the date of the game. Please refer to guidelines [Football Clubs | Children's Rights and Wellbeing | Scottish FA](#)

b) Organisation of Under 16/17 and Under 18/19s League System – Elite Games Programme

The CAS Under 18/19 League system will be directed and administered by the Scottish FA Competitions Department.

The CAS Under 16/17 League system will be directed and administered by the Scottish FA Football Department.

A separate set of Competition Rules, for the Elite Games Programme, will be provided to participating clubs by the Scottish FA Competitions Department.

Official team line templates and related match / venue control documentation will be provided to participating clubs prior to the commencement of the League programme.

A system of Live Fixtures, results and League table updates will be implemented to assist and support clubs within the programme. Match Fixtures, results and League tables will be published by the Scottish FA via its website, COMET and MSF (My Scottish Football) App.

c) Organisation of Under 16/17 and Under 18/19s League System – Performance (Progressive) Performance & Advanced Youth Games Programme

The CAS Under 16/17 and Under 18/19s League system will be directed and administered by the Scottish FA Football Department.

Official team line templates and related match / venue control documentation will be provided to participating clubs prior to the commencement of the League programme.

A system of Live Fixtures, results and League table updates will be implemented to assist and support clubs within the programme. Match Fixtures, results and League tables will be published by the Scottish FA via its website, COMET and MSF (My Scottish Football) App.

d) Governance of Under 17 and Under 19s League System

As an integral part of the CAS youth development Programme, the Under 17 and Under 19 League system will be governed by the administration in accordance with the terms of these Regulations, the Laws of the Game and Scottish FA Articles of Association.

Responsibility for the governance of CAS is vested with the PGB In keeping with the terms of Board Protocols.

9 / MATCH VENUES, DATES, KICK-OFF TIMES AND THE FULFILMENT OF FIXTURES

- a) Venues for matches played in the CAS and Advanced Youth programmes must be selected strictly in accordance with the terms of applicable Elite, Performance (Progressive), Performance and Advanced Youth grading criteria.
- b) Clubs are required to formally notify, in writing, the Scottish FA of the venues at which their matches will be played and must officially register (by means of a match facility pro-forma) their list of proposed playing facilities prior to the commencement of the Season, subject to the above.
- c) Matches in the CAS Elite Programme will be scheduled for and will normally be played on a Saturday (age levels 11s, 13s and 15s) and Sunday (age levels 12s, 14s). Matches in the CAS Performance Tier Programme will be scheduled for and will normally be played on a Saturday (age levels 12s and 14s) and Sunday (age levels 13s and 15s). Under 16/17 matches in the Elite, Performance (Progressive), Performance and Advanced Youth levels will normally be played on Fridays. Under 18/19 match is the Elite will be Monday. Performance and Advanced Youth will be Tuesday. The matches played in the Advanced Youth level will normally be played on Sundays. The Scottish FA reserves the right to permit matches to be played on other days subject to the substantiated written request of competing clubs.
- d) The Scottish FA reserves the right to co-ordinate the kick-off times of all matches played in the CAS Programme.

- e) All Club Academy Scotland games will be postponed if a red weather warning is issued.
- f) The fulfilment of scheduled fixtures in the CAS and Advanced Youth Programmes is mandatory.

In circumstances where a club is required to postpone or re-schedule a CAS fixture, formal written notice must be communicated to the club's opponent and the Scottish FA within three working days of the date of the originally scheduled fixture. An official CAS pro-forma will be supplied in this regard. As a courtesy to opponents, clubs wishing to take part in tournaments that fall on scheduled CAS fixture dates must give a six-week period of notice of participation in a tournament. Rescheduled dates for any fixtures that are required to be postponed must be agreed and communicated to the Scottish FA before permission to attend tournaments is considered.

Failure to fulfil CAS fixtures will (i) constitute a breach of these Regulations and the Judicial Panel will have jurisdiction to deal with any such breach and to impose sanctions in relation to it; and (ii) (without prejudice to the foregoing) result in the review of a club's status within the CAS and Advanced Youth Programmes, the withholding of any sums otherwise payable by the Scottish FA to a club in connection with the CAS or Advanced Youth Programme or such other financial sanctions as are deemed appropriate.

10 / PROHIBITION ON REGULAR PAYMENTS

- a) Subject to paragraph 10b) below, no club which is participating in the CAS Elite, Performance (Progressive) or Performance Programme shall be, directly or indirectly in receipt of:
 - i. payments made on a regular basis, irrespective of the regularity of such payments, nor shall it request payments from or on behalf of (or suggest or infer that payments should or could be made by or on behalf of) Academy players; or
 - ii. any other payment that is or could be inferred to be a contribution towards or otherwise made in connection with the training and development of a player(s) in the CAS Programme,

including (without limitation) for club fees, dues or subscriptions, or as part of a lottery or other similar fund-raising scheme, or for any similar purpose. The PGB shall have sole discretion to determine whether any payments received by any such club constitute such payments for the purposes of this Regulation 10.

- b) Notwithstanding the terms of paragraph 10a) above, a club which is participating in the CAS Elite, Performance (Progressive) or Performance Programme shall be entitled to submit a request in writing to the Scottish FA (and the Scottish FA shall be entitled to accept or reject such request at its sole discretion) that such club be permitted to receive a payment(s) that would otherwise be in breach of paragraph 10a) above, provided that any acceptance of any such request by the Scottish FA shall be subject to such conditions as the Scottish FA shall consider appropriate in the circumstances, including (without limitation) any condition(s) which the Scottish FA considers are appropriate in relation to such club's entitlement to receive payment of any Training Compensation under paragraph 1.2 of Annex 8 to the Scottish FA Registration Procedures (as in force and amended from time to time) that would otherwise be payable to the club under the said paragraph 1.2 in connection with any Academy player in respect of whom the club has received a payment that would otherwise breach paragraph 10a).
- c) The Scottish FA reserves the right to request that any club(s) which is participating in the CAS Elite, Performance (Progressive) or Performance Programme submit to the Scottish FA (at any point in time which the Scottish FA, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate) a declaration in such form as the Scottish FA shall prescribe from time to time confirming that such club is not in receipt of any payment(s) which would be in breach of paragraph 10a) above or that it is in receipt of any such payment(s) and, if so, the amount of such payment, together with such other details in respect of the payment(s) as the Scottish FA shall request (acting reasonably). Without prejudice to any other right or remedy which the Scottish FA may have, it shall be entitled to request that a club which is participating in the CAS Elite, Performance (Progressive) or Performance Programme provide such information and documentation as the Scottish FA shall deem necessary (acting reasonably) to establish whether or not such club is in receipt of any payment that would breach paragraph 10a) above and, if it is, the nature and extent of such payments.

11 / APPOINTMENT OF MATCH OFFICIALS

The Scottish FA shall appoint, through a designated Regional Referee Co-ordinator, a match referee for all matches played in the CAS Programme. The Scottish FA shall decide the tariff for referees at the commencement of each Season.

12 / RESPONSIBILITY OF HOME CLUBS

It is the responsibility of the home club to advise the Scottish FA, the Regional Referee Co-ordinator and referee of the agreed venue, date and time of kick-off for matches played in the CAS Programme.

Notification shall be made in writing at least one week in advance of the match and, in all cases, not less than three working days before the match. Alterations to the venue, date and time of kick-off must also be notified by the home club to its opponents, the referee and the Scottish FA.

13 / DISCIPLINE

Please refer to CAS Disciplinary Procedures on the CAS Support Portal [Scottish Football Association Self Service Portal - Club Academy Scotland Support Portal](#)

14 / TEAM SCOUTS

Please refer to the CAS Scouting Protocols on the Website Resource Library [Club Academy Scotland | Performance| Scottish FA](#)

15 / COMPETITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – COMET

The Scottish FA Competition Management System must be used in the following areas by all CAS Clubs. Please refer to the CAS Support Portal for guides, reports and general support.

[Scottish Football Association Self Service Portal - Club Academy Scotland Support Portal](#)

- Registrations
- Competitions
- Discipline Procedures
- Match Day & Team Lines
- Child Wellbeing
- User Permissions

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