

SCOTTISH FA



CLUB ACADEMY SCOTLAND

***FESTIVALS &
CLUB PROGRAMME***

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

- U11s Festivals may be played across Saturday or Sunday, the Host Club decides.
- Festivals that only have 2 Clubs may invite a 3rd Club where appropriate, this may be cross border or local grassroots partner club. Alternatively, both 2 Club Festivals may merge to create a 4 Club event if host clubs have capacity.
- Bio-banding events are permitted with Club Academy Scotland Festivals and Club Programmes
- Trophies are not permitted in the Children's Academy phase for season 26/27.
- All SYFA Clubs participating in CAS Club Programmes must have an approved permit from the SYFA.
- CAS Rules & Regulations are available to download [Club Academy Scotland | Performance | Scottish FA](#)
- Player Journey can be downloaded here [Player Journey | Football Development | Scottish FA](#)

| 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 | July to June | Jan to June | July to December transition to 11v11 (M) 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 | 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 |

FESTIVAL 1 – 29/30 AUGUST 2026

Hosts are in bold gold lettering

| UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Sat 29/08 | Falkirk | Aberdeen | Dundee United |
| Sat 29/08 | Heart of Midlothian | Hibernian | Livingston |
| Sat 29/08 | Dundee | Dunfermline Athletic | St Johnstone |
| Sat 29/08 | St Mirren | Greenock Morton | |
| Sat 29/08 | Motherwell | Celtic | Ayr United |
| Sat 29/08 | Kilmarnock | Partick Thistle | Rangers |
| Sat 29/08 | Ross County | Inverness CT | |

| UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Sun 30/08 | Aberdeen | Falkirk | Dundee United |
| Sun 30/08 | Hibernian | Heart of Midlothian | Livingston |
| Sun 30/08 | Dunfermline Athletic | Dundee | St Johnstone |
| Sun 30/08 | Greenock Morton | St Mirren | |
| Sun 30/08 | Celtic | Motherwell | Ayr United |
| Sun 30/08 | Rangers | Kilmarnock | Partick Thistle |
| Sun 30/08 | Inverness CT | Ross County | |

FESTIVAL 2 – 3/4 OCTOBER 2026

| UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sat 03/10 | Celtic | St Mirren | St Johnstone |
| Sat 03/10 | Rangers | Kilmarnock | Dunfermline Athletic |
| Sat 03/10 | Aberdeen | Inverness CT | Livingston |
| Sat 03/10 | Dundee United | Greenock Morton | Motherwell |
| Sat 03/10 | Hibernian | Ross County | Dundee |
| Sat 03/10 | Falkirk | Partick Thistle | |
| Sat 03/10 | Ayr United | Heart of Midlothian | |

| UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Sun 04/10 | St Mirren | Celtic | St Johnstone |
| Sun 04/10 | Kilmarnock | Rangers | Dunfermline Athletic |
| Sun 04/10 | Livingston | Aberdeen | Inverness CT |
| Sun 04/10 | Motherwell | Greenock Morton | Dundee United |
| Sun 04/10 | Dundee | Hibernian | Ross County |
| Sun 04/10 | Partick Thistle | Falkirk | |
| Sun 04/10 | Heart of Midlothian | Ayr United | |

FESTIVAL 3 – 14/15 NOVEMBER 2026

| UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 SEASON | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Sat 14/11 | Livingston | St Mirren | Dundee United |
| Sat 14/11 | Inverness CT | Dundee | Ayr United |
| Sat 14/11 | Ross County | Dunfermline Athletic | Heart of Midlothian |
| Sat 14/11 | Partick Thistle | Hibernian | |
| Sat 14/11 | St Johnstone | Rangers | Motherwell |
| Sat 14/11 | Greenock Morton | Aberdeen | Falkirk |
| Sat 14/11 | Celtic | Kilmarnock | |

| UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 SEASON | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Sun 15/11 | Dundee United | St Mirren | Livingston |
| Sun 15/11 | Ayr United | Dundee | Inverness CT |
| Sun 15/11 | Heart of Midlothian | Dunfermline Athletic | Ross County |
| Sun 15/11 | Partick Thistle | Hibernian | |
| Sun 15/11 | St Johnstone | Rangers | Motherwell |
| Sun 15/11 | Greenock Morton | Aberdeen | Falkirk |
| Sun 15/11 | Kilmarnock | Celtic | |

FESTIVAL 4 – 12/13 DECEMBER 2026

| UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 SEASON | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Sat 12/12 | Rangers | Inverness CT | Partick Thistle |
| Sat 12/12 | Aberdeen | Dunfermline Athletic | Kilmarnock |
| Sat 12/12 | Dundee United | Dundee | |
| Sat 12/12 | Hibernian | Greenock Morton | Ross County |
| Sat 12/12 | Heart of Midlothian | Livingston | St Johnstone |
| Sat 12/12 | St Mirren | Ayr United | Celtic |
| Sat 12/12 | Motherwell | Falkirk | |

| UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 SEASON | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Sun 13/12 | Partick Thistle | Inverness CT | Rangers |
| Sun 13/12 | Dunfermline Athletic | Aberdeen | Kilmarnock |
| Sun 13/12 | Dundee | Dundee United | |
| Sun 13/12 | Ross County | Hibernian | Greenock Morton |
| Sun 13/12 | St Johnstone | Heart of Midlothian | Livingston |
| Sun 13/12 | Ayr United | St Mirren | Celtic |
| Sun 13/12 | Falkirk | Motherwell | |

FESTIVAL 5 – 16/17 JANUARY 2027

| UNDER 11 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Sat 16/01 | Livingston | Partick Thistle | Dundee United |
| Sat 16/01 | St Mirren | Aberdeen | Greenock Morton |
| Sat 16/01 | Dunfermline Athletic | St Johnstone | |
| Sat 16/01 | Falkirk | Hibernian | Ross County |
| Sat 16/01 | Kilmarnock | Inverness CT | Motherwell |
| Sat 16/01 | Ayr United | Heart of Midlothian | Rangers |
| Sat 16/01 | Dundee | Celtic | |

| UNDER 12 AGE CATEGORY 26/27 | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Sun 17/01 | Dundee United | Partick Thistle | Livingston |
| Sun 17/01 | Aberdeen | Greenock Morton | St Mirren |
| Sun 17/01 | St Johnstone | Dunfermline Athletic | |
| Sun 17/01 | Hibernian | Falkirk | Ross County |
| Sun 17/01 | Motherwell | Kilmarnock | Inverness CT |
| Sun 17/01 | Rangers | Ayr United | Heart of Midlothian |
| Sun 17/01 | Celtic | Dundee | |

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