

**Rules for
Under 14 League (Experimental)
Season 2020-2021**

1. Eligibility of nurseries

All nurseries registered with the Youth Football Association are eligible to participate in the 'Under 14 League (Experimental)' as long as they are covered by the insurance policy.

2. Eligibility of players

- a) For a player to be eligible to participate with the Nursery's team in the 'Under 14 League (Experimental)', he must be registered with the nursery in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Malta Football Association.
- b) A player is eligible to participate if born between 1st January and 31st December of 2007.
- c) A maximum of three (3) guest players, born between 1st January and 31st December of 2006 are also eligible to participate. Preference should be given to those who are not regular (in the first 11) in the Under 15 squad.
- d) A maximum of three (3) guest players, born between 1st January and 31st December of 2008 and who possess technical and physical abilities to compete with Under 14 are also eligible to participate.
- e) Foreign players: Only TMS approved players will be eligible to participate.

3. The match

- a) Matches will be played on Saturday mornings.
- b) Matches are played on 11 vs 11 basis (10 + 1 GK vs 10 + 1 GK).

- c) Duration: 2 x 30minutes, plus 10 minutes rest.
- d) Size of ball: Size 5
- e) FIFA rules apply

4. The lineup

- a) This league is intended to focus on players born during year 2007. However, a limited number of guest players will be allowed to play as per Clauses 2 (c) and 2 (d).
- b) The team formation should be as follows:
 - i) The minimum number of players on the lineup is 14 players;
 - ii) The maximum number of players on the lineup is 18 players;
 - iii) The starting lineup should include a minimum of eight (8) players Born 2007. The remaining three (3) may be guest players, i.e. born 2006 or 2008;
 - iv) Two Goalkeepers.
- c) When a player is listed on the line-up, he is considered as having participated in that match, irrespective if he plays or not.
- d) A player who plays with both the Under 14 and Under 15 squads, is only allowed to participate in one match in one category during a weekend, i.e. either Under 14 or Under 15. So, if on Weekend 1, a player is listed on the Under 14 lineup, he cannot be listed on the Under 15 lineup on that same weekend and vice-versa.
- e) Goalkeepers are exempt from clause 4 (d).
- f) The nursery should submit lineups through COMET **only** not later than one hour before scheduled time of match.

- g) The nursery delegate should present the COMET lineup (3 copies) to the Ground Inspector / Official on duty on arrival at the venue.

5. Substitutions

- a) Substitutions are unlimited.
- b) Each team is entitled to three (3) substitution timeouts.
- c) Half-time substitution is not considered part of the 3 substitution timeouts.
- d) A substituted player cannot re-enter the pitch.

6. Control of matches

- a) Matches will be controlled by one (1) MFA match official.
- b) Nurseries will also be requested to nominate a match official from their end.

7. Authorised persons in the Ground Restricted Area

A maximum of six (6) technical/administrative staff will be allowed to access the Ground Restricted Area. These include:

- i) Administrator: Nursery Delegate
- ii) A qualified and licensed Coach
- iii) A qualified and licensed Assistant Coach
- iv) A qualified and licensed Goalkeeper Coach
- v) A qualified and MFA licensed Physical Trainer
- vi) First Aider, Doctor or Physiotherapist (in possession of a First aid certificate)

8. Youth FA Competition Rules and MFA Regulations

For any other matters which are not included within these regulations, Youth FA Competition Rules and MFA Regulations will apply.