



Liverpool Schools FA: Training, Selection and Playing Time Policy

Notifying Schools and Authorisation

Managers will notify schools of a pupil's selection and all players must have written authorisation from their school to be selected.

Squad Numbers:

To ensure equality and fairness, squad numbers for all teams will be allocated alphabetically, except for Goalkeepers who will be numbered 1 and 13 alphabetically. Should a team have three or more Goalkeepers the third Goalkeeper alphabetically will take the final number in the squad. These will be their numbers for the season.

The highest number in the squad will not exceed the number of players in the squad. Should any player leave, that number will remain unused for the rest of the season. Any new players will take the next number available.

Training

Managers and Staff:

Will aim to arrange training at least every two weeks on average over the season.

Players and Parents:

- Players are expected to attend all training sessions
- If individual circumstances do not make this possible, players must attend the minimum number of training sessions agreed with the manager.

Selection for Games

Managers and Staff: Select teams in line with this policy

Players and Parents - To be eligible for selection:

- Players are expected to attend all training sessions or the amount agreed with the manager if individual circumstances prevent them from attending all sessions
- Players and parents must comply with the code of conduct
- Players must be up to date with any payments required
- Money owed to the LSFA may be taken into account in the selection of players for games
- Selection for games will be the decision of the manager.
- Where a squad exceeds the number permitted for competitive games, managers will make every effort to arrange games to include those not regularly selected for competitive games.

Playing Time in:

Competitive Games - There is no guarantee of playing time for any player in these games. This includes finals. When possible, managers will look to give all players some playing time, however this is at their discretion depending upon the game and situation.

Players and parents are expected to accept this and should they wish to discuss selection or playing time they should wait at least 24 hours before contacting a manager.

Friendlies - All players selected will have at least 50% playing time in any friendly/non-competitive game.

Removal From the Squad

A player may become ineligible for selection for any of the reasons below:

- The behaviour and conduct of the player and/or their parent/s contravened our Code of Conducts
- The behaviour and conduct of parent/s and/or player/s on social media contravenes our Social Media Policy
- Money is owed to the LSFA and we believe there is no potential for this to be repaid
- Their school does not authorise a player's selection and involvement

Please note that should a player be removed from a squad on any of these grounds they will not be eligible to play for Merseyside.

Appealing Selection for the squad or team or removal from the squad

Parents/players may appeal the decision of a manager to select a player for the squad/ team or any other point covered by this policy in writing to the chairman via admin@liverpoolschoolsfa.org.uk

Please note: A manager's decision will be supported unless it is shown to be prejudicial or made for reasons other than those covered in this policy.