

## London Churches Football Tournament: Frequently Asked Questions

**Format:** The tournament format depends on the number of teams entered. Matches typically last 15–20 minutes. All teams will play group stage games, followed by knockout rounds.

For the men's tournament, there will be two competitions:

Cup – for teams qualifying from the group stage

Plate – for teams that do not qualify for the Cup

**Children's Tournament:** We follow FA age guidelines. *“A child's playing age is determined by their age at midnight on 31 August of the current playing season. E.g. Children who are aged 9 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season will be classed as Under 10 Players for that Playing Season.”*

### Age Groups:

**U10:** School Years 4–5

**U12:** School Years 6–7

**U14:** School Years 8–9

**U16:** School Years 10–11

Children's teams may be **mixed (boys and girls)**.

**Women's Tournament:** Women can enter individually or in small groups. On the day, you'll be placed into a team. If 2–3 players are entering from the same church, please use the same church name so you can be grouped together.

**Team Size:** This is a 7-a-side tournament with rolling substitutions. **Maximum squad size is 12 players.** Players may only play for 1 team unless permission is given.

**Playing Surface:** Matches will be played on grass (unless otherwise stated).

**Talk:** There will be a Gospel talk during a break in play. All players and teams are encouraged to attend.

**Shin pads:** are **mandatory** for all players.

**Football Kits:** Teams vary in what they wear: Some have custom kits, Others agree on matching-coloured tops, some bring bibs to identify teams. We do have bibs in case of kit clash.

**Referees:** We aim to provide qualified referees for all matches.

**Team Leadership:** **All teams must represent a church.** Team leaders should be mature, regular church-attending Christians.

**Fixtures:** Fixtures will be emailed one week before the event.

**Venue:** Barn Elms Sports Centre, Queen Elizabeth Walk, Barnes, SW13 0DG.

**Parking:** Free parking is available on site but limited. Please carpool.

**First Aid:** Qualified first aiders will be present throughout the event.

**Spectators:** Spectators are welcome to come and support their teams.

**Food & Catering:** Refreshments will be available to purchase on site. **No alcohol** is permitted at the venue.

**Dogs:** **No dogs** are allowed on site.