

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL POLICY

AYR UNITED FOOTBALL ACADEMY



GENERAL SCHOOLS FOOTBALL POLICY FOR VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

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OVERVIEW

This is the Schools Football policy statement of Ayr United Football Academy (The Academy).

Overall and final responsibility for Schools Football participation lies with the Board of Management of The Academy, with day to day responsibility for ensuring this policy is put into practice lying with the Director of Football, staff and volunteers of the Academy as appropriate.

POLICY DETAIL

This document lays out The Academy's policy covering the participation of its youth players in organised school football.

The Academy would prefer that its players would not participate in schools football as it is felt that this may result in over exertion and a potential to attract injuries which may hamper the progress of the player in his pursuit of a career at the top level of football.

The Academy invests heavily in providing a training and playing regime that demands a high level of commitment. The training schedule consists of a minimum of two nights training and a one night Sports Science session per week, in addition to a match played in the SFA's Youth Initiative League. This schedule imposes heavy demands on players and The Academy would prefer that players restrict themselves to The Academy's training and playing schedule.

However, it should be noted that this is a preference and that The Academy, nor any of its staff or volunteers, will not, in any way, attempt to prevent a player from playing for his school team. Nor will The Academy, or any of its staff or volunteers, in any way discriminate against any player who chooses to play for his school team.

The Academy will not allow any player to take part in schools football, however, where that player is currently undergoing a programme of physiotherapy or medical treatment, until the doctor or physiotherapist has approved the player's return to training and playing.

The Academy will expect a player to represent the Academy in preference to his school team, where fixtures take place on the same day.