



U13 COMPETITION

MEMO
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Since the release of the new competition structure, Soccer NS has received feedback from clubs and leagues throughout the province concerning the inability to meet single-age requirements. After consultation with clubs, leagues, professional staff and operational committees, the following changes will be made and inserted into the competition handbook.

STAGE	PLAYING STANDARDS	BALL SIZE	GAME LENGTH	SUBSTITUTIONS
U13 A, B	9-aside with scores and standing.	Size 4	35 minute halves	Unlimited
U13 AA	11-aside with scores and standing.	Light Size 5	35 minute halves	5 subs during the game, unlimited at half

Decision:

U13 AA will continue to play 11-aside as originally outlined in the competition structure



No U11 (2006) players to participate at U13 AA

U13 A, B will play 9-aside



Play with a size four ball

- Why - Preference is light size 5 but difficult to obtain



Continue with retreat line

- Why - Provides best development for players and they are use to it with this size of field



No U11 (2006) players to participate in U13 A & B

- Why - Physical differences and scores and standings



Scores and standings will occur

- Due to requiring fewer numbers, teams will be populated by majority of U13 players



Provincials to be offered at both divisions

- Due to requiring fewer numbers, teams will be populated by majority of U13 players

Rationale:

Fewer players required for teams in regions with lower registration

Allows U12s in programs where required to play up and play on appropriate size fields as outlined by LTPD

Stop U11 and U12 players playing 11-aside and missing a critical development stage



U13 COMPETITION **FAQ**

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should U13 A & B teams play 9-aside?

Please see one-pager on previous page.

Are there scores and standings for U13 A & B 9-aside?

Yes.

Is the provincial championship for U13 A & B 9-aside?

Yes.

Is the provincial championship for U13 AA 11-aside?

Yes.

Will CISL league fees be raised?

No, CISL league fees will remain the same as communicated for the 2017 summer season.

Will the CISL U13 A & B teams play on turf or grass?

U13 A and B team games will be played on a combination of both grass and turf fields.

If I have additional questions about this change in competition structure and how it impacts my region, who should I contact?

If you have additional questions regarding the implementation of the change in competition structure in your region, please contact your regional technical director.