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SPAR FAI Primary School 5s 2017

The Biggest Competition in Primary Schools' Soccer

Closing date: **Friday, February 17, 2017**



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The SPAR FAI Primary School 5s is the biggest competition in primary schools' soccer.

The programme involved 24,000 students last year with over 1,200 schools participating. The competition has been running since the mid 1990s and the programme promises to be bigger and better this year.

Local competitions will begin at the end of February or early March with Regional qualifiers taking place in April. The Provincial Finals will take place in early and mid-May while the National Finals will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 in the Aviva Stadium, Dublin.

There are six sections to cater for all school sizes, and while FAI Schools encourage boys and girls to play on the same team, they do have separate competitions for girls' schools.

Entry for 2017 is ONLINE (only).

- Please register your school now at www.fai.ie/primary5
- Each participating school will receive one complimentary football for entering the competition.
- Payment: Schools should forward a cheque for €50 made payable to FAI SCHOOLS to your relevant Provincial Organiser:
Munster: Mr. Gerard Duggan, St. Mary's BNS, Ferrybank, Co. Waterford
Ulster: Mr. Martin Robins, 51 Ard Colgan, Carndonagh, Inishowen, Co. Donegal
Connacht: Mr. Noel Dervan, Lisaniskey NS, Ballydooley PO, Donamon, Co. Roscommon
Leinster: Mr. Tom Bolger, St. Bernadette's SNS, Quarryvale, Dublin 22
- Schools will **not be allowed** to participate until the **online application form** and **entry fee have been received**.
- Contact numbers for the local co-ordinator can be found overleaf. Please contact them to confirm date, venue and times of your relevant County qualifiers. Full details are also available online at www.fai.ie/primary5

COMPETITION FORMAT

- The competition will be run, where possible, in a blitz format. Number of teams per group should not exceed five.
- Three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- In the event of bad weather, the competition may be played on a knock out basis.
- Competitions will be arranged on a group basis as decided by the local co-ordinator.
- Winners to qualify to Regional/Provincial Finals

In the event of two teams being tied on points, the following criteria shall be applied:

- Results of the game between the sides
- Goal Difference
- Goals Scored
- If still tied, teams shall play a play-off game with a maximum duration of 5 minutes. If at the end of this play-off game, teams are still tied, a penalty shoot-out will take place with three kicks per team to apply. If still tied, sudden death penalties to apply.

In the event of more than two teams are tied, the following criteria shall be applied:

- Goal Difference
- Goals Scored
- If still tied, a round robin penalty shoot-out competition shall take place with the teams. Three kicks each, with sudden death penalties to be used if still tied. At the end, the top two teams will take part in a further penalty shootout to decide the winner

RULES OF THE GAME

The laws of Association Football shall apply, with the following adaptations:

Law 1: Field of Play

The field of play must be rectangular with the following dimensions:

Maximum length shall be 50 metres with minimum length 30 metres. The maximum width shall be 35 metres with minimum width 20 metres. The recommended field shall be 40 metres x 25 metres.

The centre circle shall have a radius of 5 metres.

The penalty area shall have a width of 15 metres and a length of 10 metres.

The penalty spot shall be 8 metres from goal line.

The goals shall measure 6 feet high by 16 feet wide (4.87m X 1.82m).

Law 2: The Ball

A size five weighted football (370gms) must be used for all competitions.

Law 3: No. of Players

Eight players per squad. No players, other than those eight, shall be toggled out on the side line. Only five players, including a goalkeeper, may be on the field of play at any time.

Law 4: Substitutions

Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions during the game on a roll on/roll off basis. The referee must be alerted of any changes. In the case of a goalkeeper substitution, this must take place from the substitutes on the bench. The substitute goalkeeper must wear a different colour jersey to the outfield players at all times.

Law 5: Duration of Game

Each game shall consist of a maximum of 20 minutes. Half time break, if required, shall not exceed five minutes. Total playing time per team per blitz shall not exceed 80 minutes during the course of the day.

Law 6: Offside

There shall be no offside in any of the games.



Law 7: Fouls and Misconduct

If a player receives a red card or two consecutive yellow cards in a game; that player shall be suspended for the next match on the day or the first match of the next day's competition. Violent conduct, abuse of referee, opposing players, teacher or foul and abusive language shall be suspended for the next day's competition. Such a ban can be extended at the discretion of the local co-ordinator depending on the referee's report.

Law 8: Free Kicks

The opposition shall be at least 5 metres from the ball at the time of the free kick. All free kicks are direct.

Law 9: Penalty Kick

Penalties shall be taken from a spot 8 metres from the goal line.

Law 10: Throw In

When the ball goes over the sideline (or touches the wall where the pitch has a surrounding wall) the game will restart with a throw-in.

Law 11: Goalkeepers

The goalkeeper will throw out the ball at all times. There will be no restrictions on any player or the goalkeeper entering or leaving the penalty area. When the ball goes out wide over the end lines, the goalkeeper must throw the ball back into play. When the goalkeeper catches the ball, he/she must throw it back into play. The goalkeeper is not permitted to pick the ball up following a back pass.

Law 12: Tip-Off

Players can not score directly from tip-off.

Law 13: Players Equipment

All players, including substitutes, must wear shin guards. A player will not be allowed to participate if he/she is not wearing a complete and safe set of shin guards. For health and safety purposes, players are not permitted to wear glasses. Please note only sports goggles are permitted.



COUNTY CO-ORDINATORS CONTACT DETAILS

PROVINCE	COUNTY	ORGANISER	PHONE	PROVINCE	COUNTY	ORGANISER	PHONE
Connacht	Leitrim	Damon Kearney	087-7728173	Leinster	Dublin	Tom Bolger	087-9582484
Connacht	Sligo	John Russell	083-1685062	Leinster	Wicklow	Alan Reynolds	086-0418726
Connacht	Mayo	Harry Canning	086-1712275	Leinster	Wexford	William Doyle	086-0437696
Connacht	Roscommon	Noel Dervan	086-6082016	Leinster	Carlow	Garry Coady	086-7954468
Connacht	Galway	Nigel Keady	086-0418648	Munster	Kerry	Darren Aherne	086-0489019
Leinster	Laois	Nichole Dunphy	086-0485820	Munster	Cork	Fergus McDaid	087-6180400
Leinster	Offaly	Diane Fay	086-0404952	Munster	Clare	Denis Hynes	087-0508618
Leinster	Kildare	Laura Cusack	086-7949406	Munster	Limerick	Barbara Bermingham	086-7712337
Leinster	Westmeath	David Scally	044-9390208	Munster	Tipperary	James Scott	086-0472055
Leinster	Longford	Carmel Browne	087-6479344	Munster	Waterford	Gerard Duggan	087-2750809
Leinster	Kilkenny	Darren Murray	087-6378742	Ulster	Donegal	Martin Robins	086-3482973
Leinster	Louth	Michael Neville	086-6095463	Ulster	Monaghan	Mark Macklin	086-6030766
Leinster	Meath	Paul Holland	087-9630375	Ulster	Cavan	Diane Fay	086-0404952

Please contact the local co-ordinator for specific details on your competition date, venue and times.
Also check out www.faischools.ie for further information in relation to the competition.

SPAR FAI Primary School 5s National Final Winners 2016

Boys 'A' Schools Cup: (Small Schools)

Winner:	Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover, Duleek, Meath (Leinster)
Runner Up:	Croom NS, Limerick (Munster)
Third:	Scoil An Choimín, Lifford, Donegal (Ulster)
Fourth:	Carn NS, Gurteen, Sligo (Connacht)
Player of the Tournament:	Alan Bowden, Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

Girls 'A' Schools Cup (Small Schools)

Winner:	Ardnagrath NS, Athlone, Westmeath (Leinster)
Runner Up:	Thomastown NS, Tipperary (Munster)
Third:	St. Joseph's NS, Woodford, Galway (Connacht)
Fourth:	Scoil Mhuire, Lacken, Cavan (Ulster)
Player of the Tournament:	Emer McCarthy, Thomastown NS, Tipperary

Boys 'B' Schools Cup (Medium Schools)

Winner:	Killeeneen NS, Craughwell, Galway (Connacht)
Runner Up:	Gaelscoil Bhríde, Durlas Éile, Tipperary (Munster)
Third:	St. Michael's NS, Cootehill, Cavan (Ulster)
Fourth:	Dean Kelly NS, Athlone, Westmeath (Leinster)
Player of the Tournament:	Darragh Stáicliúm, Gaelscoil Bhríde, Durlas Éile, Tipperary

Girls 'B' Schools Cup (Medium Schools)

Winner:	Dromtrasna NS, Abbeyfeale, Limerick (Munster)
Runner Up:	Claregalway NS, Galway (Connacht)
Third:	St. Colman's NS, Mucklagh, Offaly (Leinster)
Fourth:	St. Oran's NS, Cockhill, Inishowen (Ulster)
Player of the Tournament:	Kate Slevin, Claregalway NS, Galway

Boys 'C' Schools Cup (Large Schools)

Winner:	Dunboyne SPS, Meath (Leinster)
Runner Up:	St. Patrick's BNS, Lombard Street, Galway (Connacht)
Third:	St. Patrick's BNS, Lurgybrack, Donegal (Ulster)
Fourth:	Scoil Naomh Iosaf, Riverstown, Cork (Munster)
Player of the Tournament:	Eidric Opoku, St. Patrick's BNS, Lombard Street, Galway

Girls 'C' Schools Cup (Large Schools)

Winner:	St. Fiacc's NS, Graingecullen, Carlow (Leinster)
Runner Up:	Scoil Chaitríona, Renmore, Galway (Connacht)
Third:	Scoil Íosagáin, Buncrana, Inishowen (Ulster)
Fourth:	Scoil Niocláis, Frankfield, Cork (Munster)
Player of the Tournament:	Emilia Kozziel, Scoil Chaitríona, Renmore, Galway

Provincial & National Final Dates 2017:

May 3:	Ulster Primary 5s Finals in Monaghan United FC, Gortakeegan, Monaghan
May 4:	Connacht Primary 5s Finals in Milebush Park, Castlebar, Mayo
May 10:	Munster Primary 5s Finals in Turners Cross, Cork
May 11:	Leinster Primary 5s Finals in the MDL Grounds, Trim Road, Navan, Meath
May 31:	National Primary 5s Finals in the Aviva Stadium, Dublin

Co-ordinators:

National Finals:	Diane Fay 086 0404 952
Leinster Finals:	Paul Holland 087 9630 375
Connacht Finals:	Paul Byrne 086 857 9678
Ulster Finals:	John Crudden 086 049 2729
Munster Finals:	Gerard Duggan 087 2750809

Competition

There are separate competitions for boys and girls but girls are permitted to play in the boy's competitions.

GENERAL RULES 2017

Team Registration

To register for the competition please complete the online form on or before Friday, February 17 by clicking onto www.fai.ie/primary5

Player Eligibility

Players must be born on or after January 1, 2004. Players must be registered on the school roll on September 30, 2016.

Competition

Boys 'A' Cup (Small Schools)

0-25 boys on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2016.

Boys 'B' Cup (Medium Schools)

26-80 boys on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2016.

Boys 'C' Cup (Large Schools)

81+ boys on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2016.

Mixed teams of boys and girls in the above competitions are allowed and encouraged. The Girls Cups will be specifically for girls only competition.

Girls 'A' Cup (Small Schools)

0-25 girls on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2016.

Girls 'B' Cup (Medium Schools)

26-80 girls on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2016.

Girls 'C' Cup (Large Schools)

81+ girls on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2016.

Referees

Official referees will be used where possible. Minimum age limit for a referee is 15 years.

Participation

In advance of the day of competition, schools will receive a player registration list and must follow the procedure below:

- A squad of no more than eight players must be submitted to the local co-ordinator.
- Full name of each player and the player's date of birth should be included on the registration list.
- Signature of the teacher in charge should be on the registration list.
- Once submitted, no changes can be made to the squad for that day's competition.
- Player's registration lists will be available for inspection by other teachers during the competition.
- All schools must agree and abide by the rules of the competition.

Media

All schools are encouraged to promote the competition in their own area through local press, radio and/or social media platforms. You can use the hashtag #SPAR5s

 FAI Schools  @faischools

All media press releases and reports must refer to the tournament's full title at all times 'SPAR FAI Primary School 5s'.



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