

UKMA national 6-a-side teams

2017 - Procedures

Jurisdiction

The UK Minifootball Association (UKMA) has been granted the licence to operate the England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland national 6-a-side teams. The following procedures are applicable to the Northern Ireland national 6-a-side team, which is operated and managed by the master licensee the United Kingdom Minifootball Association.

The England 6-a-side team will be managed from the 1st January 2017 to the 31st December 2017 by the joint licensees Paul Darke and Paolo Vernazza. The Scotland 6-a-side team will be managed from the 1st January 2017 to the 31st December 2017 by the joint licensees Jamie Leggett, Graham Finlay and George Leggett. The Wales 6-a-side team will be managed from the 14th February 2017 to the 31st December 2017 by the licensee Barry John. For further information about the specific procedures applicable for the England, Scotland and Wales 6-a-side national teams please contact the UKMA directly by email to office@ukminifootball.co.uk.

Procedures

Invitation to a team training session – current squad members

All current training squad members will receive a generic letter from the UKMA which will contain the dates and times of all current training sessions and trials.

All players will be expected to be available for all stated training sessions and trials. It will be assumed that all players will attend all stated training sessions and trials.

If a player cannot attend any of the stated training sessions for any reason then they must contact the UKMA immediately by email to office@ukminifootball.co.uk. The manager of the team will then be informed that the player cannot attend the training session. Any player who does not inform the UKMA directly that they cannot attend a training session will be marked as a non-attendance which may count against their potential selection for the final 2017 UKMA national 6-a-side teams.

Open trials

All current players will be expected to be available for the 2017 open trials, although they may not need to attend. The team manager will inform the players if they are required to attend the open trials or not 2 weeks before the event.

Additional sessions

Additional training sessions may be requested at any time by the team managers. The dates, times and preferred location for these training sessions should be sent to the UKMA at teamexecutive@ukminifootball.co.uk. The UKMA will then send a confirmation email to all current training squad players for the additional training session. The above 'invitation to a team training session' procedure will then apply.



New recommended players

The maximum number of players in a team training squad is 18.

The maximum number of players in the tournament team squad is 12.

If a team manager wishes to invite a new recommended player to a training session then they should inform the UKMA of this and provide the full details for the player (including, address, contact number, email, player position, and date of birth) by email to office@ukminifootball.co.uk. The UKMA will then contact the player to inform them that they have been recommended to attend a team training session and will provide details of this training session by email.

The team manager must though ensure that the training squad remains with a total of 18 players. This means that if the addition of a new recommended player to the squad results in the training squad exceeding the maximum number then one of the current players must be removed from the training squad. The new squad member will then receive the generic list of training sessions from the UKMA.

All players removed from the training squad prior to the 2017 open trials should apply for reconsideration at the 2017 open trials. Any player removed from the training squad after the 2017 open trials should re-apply for a place at the open trials in 2018. This can be done via the website at www.ukminifootball.co.uk.

Removal of a player from the training squad

If the team manager wishes to remove a player for the training squad then they may of course do so.

The UKMA should be informed if a player is to be removed from the training squad, and the UKMA will send an official letter to the player informing them that they have unfortunately not made the training squad at this time. All players who are removed from the training squad are welcome to attend the open trials for another chance of selection for the national 6-a-side teams.

Cancellations

All players are required to inform the UKMA by email, prior to an event, if they cannot attend a stated session for any reason.

The player will then be marked as a 'cancellation' on the UKMA team records for the relevant training session/trial, and the reasons for this unavailability will be kept on the UKMA records. This is to help ensure that a player is fully committed to the national team squad.

Provided that the player informs the UKMA of their unavailability **7 days** before a stated session with a reason for the lack of attendance, then this cancellation will not affect their potential selection for the final UKMA national 6-a-side team.

If a player informs the UKMA that they cannot attend a session **within the 7 days prior to** the training session then a good reason for this lack of attendance must be given. Acceptable reasons may include family bereavement and family emergency. If a player is injured then they will still be expected to attend the session even though they cannot participate. (This will ensure that they do not miss any tactical information).



Non-attendance

If a player does not attend a training session or trial then the team manager must inform the UKMA of this.

The player will then be marked as a 'non-attendance' on the UKMA team records for the relevant trial/training session.

Non-attendance of players at training sessions and trials may count against the players' potential selection for the final UKMA national 6-a-side team if no reason for the lack of attendance is given by the player prior to the event.

Late attendance

All players must arrive at all training sessions and trials at least ten minutes before the session is scheduled to start.

If a player does not arrive at least ten minutes before the session is scheduled to start then the team manager must inform the UKMA of this.

The player will then be marked as a 'late attendance' on the UKMA team records for the relevant trial/training session.

Late attendance of players at trials and training sessions may count against the players' potential selection for the final UKMA national 6-a-side team if no reason is provided for their delay. This is to ensure that all players are aware that they will need to arrive in good time for team training sessions/trials as if they are selected for the final national 6-a-side team then they will be required to adhere to a strict time schedule for flights, travel and events during international competitions.

If you have any questions about the 2017 national 6-a-side team procedures then please feel free to contact us by email to office@ukminifootball.co.uk.

