

BYE-LAW 4

COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

4. These are the laws for the organisation and management of youth competitions and, for the purposes of the development and well-being of youth shinty, override the provisions of any other Bye-Law with which there might seem to be conflict.

4.1 Definition of Child or Young Person

A child or young person is any person under the age of 18. A 'youth' for the purposes of understanding the term 'youth shinty' for a particular playing season, is any person under the age of 17 on the 1st January in the year in which that season commences.

This difference in age definitions is required to ensure maximum benefit for those who may have to make a claim on the Association's insurance policy for players. It is imperative that clubs registering members must give accurate information relating to age/date of birth for all members.

4.2 Helmets

Any person competing in Camanachd Associations Under-14 and U-17 competitions as referred to within Bye-Law 4, must wear a helmet designed for protective purposes. This rule shall also apply to any person able to participate within the Under 14 level, playing in a team competing in any competition covered by Bye-Laws 2, 3 or 4, other than First Shinty, owing to its use of different camans and balls.

It is the responsibility of those in charge of the team in which children or young people are playing, to satisfy themselves about the correct age of each child or young person and that any helmet worn is fit for purpose. The Camanachd Association approved helmet, which is recommended to all clubs, meets the requirements of European Council Directive 89/686/EEC "Personal Protective Equipment" Article 10.

A referee is obliged to bar any child or young person who is eligible to participate at Under 14 and u17 level and not wearing a helmet from taking part in a match.

If in any doubt, the referee will seek a verbal statement from an official of the team concerned as to the age of a child or young person. Such a statement declaring that the child or young person is an Under 14 player shall constitute satisfaction of the requirement to establish the child's or young person's age.

4.2.1 Provision of Referees – condition of entry

Every club with at least one senior team, wishing to enter a juvenile competition run by the Camanachd Association, shall be required to identify at least **one referee** who is either qualified as a Foundation referee or is enrolled to attend a Foundation referee course. The nominated referee will commit to refereeing youth games for their home club and may be invited to officiate at other youth games within their local area, at their convenience. **These youth competition referees must be separate and distinct from referees currently active and officiating at senior level.**

4.3 Variations to Byelaw 1 Rules of Play and Playing Season

4.3.1 Adaptations to the Field of Play

For youth competitions the Camanachd Association promote, encourage and consent to the use of All-Weather 3rd Generation surfaces, where the required pitch dimensions are appropriate for the level of competition.

4.3.1a Under-12 6-a-side Competitions

A Pitch Dimensions

The length of the pitch will be no more than 73 metres and no less than 55 metres. The width of the pitch will be no more than 46 metres and no less than 37 metres.

B Goal Dimensions

The goals will be 12 feet (3.66m) wide by 8 feet (2.44m) high.

Under-14 6-a-side Competitions

A Pitch Dimensions

The length of the pitch will be no more than 91 metres and no less than 77.5 metres. The width of the pitch will be no more than 64 metres and no less than 50 metres.

B Goal Dimensions

The goals will be 12 feet (3.66m) wide by 8 feet (2.44m) high.

U-14 9/12-a-side Competitions

A Pitch Dimensions

The length of the pitch will be no more than 128 metres and no less than 100 metres (77.5m 9-a-side). The width of the pitch will be no more than 73 metres and no less than 55 metres (50m 9-a-side).

B Goal Dimensions

The goals will be 12 feet (3.66m) wide by 8 feet (2.44m) high.

U-17 6-a-side Competitions

A Pitch Dimensions

The length of the pitch will be no more than 91 metres and no less than 77.5 metres. The width of the pitch will be no more than 64 metres and no less than 55 metres.

B Goal Dimensions

The goals will be 12 feet (3.66m) wide by 8 feet (2.44m) high.

U-17 9/12-a-side Competitions

A Pitch Dimensions

The length of the pitch will be no more than 155 metres and no less than 128 metres (100m 9-a-side). The width of the pitch will be no more than 73 metres and no less than 64 metres (55m 9-a-side).

B Goal Dimensions

The goals will be 12 feet (3.66m) wide by 10 feet (3.05m) high.

4.3.2 Number of Players

The number of players within youth competitions is set out as per the individual competition rules, which constitutes the Camanachd Association Youth competition programme.

4.3.2a Substitutions

Rolling substitutes are permitted in all Camanachd Association Youth Competitions, i.e. players taken off, can be put back on the field of play. A substitute may only be permitted to enter the field of play at the mid-point of either side-line, during a stoppage in the game having received a signal of authorisation from the referee.

4.4 Camanachd Association Youth Competition Programme

Under-14 Competitions (Under 14 on the 1st January on the year of competition)

Under 14 6-a-side Competitions (6 players and up to 2 substitutes)

North of Scotland Under 14 6-a-side Championship: Participants within this competition shall be teams from the North of Scotland (as set out in Bye Law 3.10)

South of Scotland Under 14 6-a-side Championship: Participants within this festival shall be teams from the South of Scotland (as set out in Bye Law 3.10)

National Under 14 6-a-side Championship: Participation in this event will be open to all

Under 14 National Cup Competitions

Kenneth MacMaster Cup (12 players plus up to 3 substitutes)

The competition is open to all clubs and will be conducted on a knock out basis.

National Development Trophy (Maximum 9 players plus up to 3 substitutes)

If teams are unable to field 9 players we would encourage teams to attend the event and play even sided matches. In these circumstances points will be forfeited.

The competition is open to clubs/teams who do not participate in the Kenneth MacMaster Cup. Clubs with sufficient player resources may enter the

Development Trophy as well as the Kenneth MacMaster Cup, but must submit a player pool of 10 named players to the Camanachd Association from the Kenneth MacMaster Cup team who cannot participate within the Development Trophy.

The competition shall take the form of localised festivals (as determined by CA Development staff) with the winners from each of the local leagues **qualifying to compete in the final. The host Club is responsible for the organisation and running of their round of matches. The duration of the leagues matches are to be agreed by the competing teams. The points system is as follows: 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw.**

If a substantial number of fixtures are not played and the identification of qualifiers become problematic the CA reserve the right to use the final fixtures date to determine the qualifiers.

South Area Under 14 Leagues (9 players plus up to 3 substitutes)

The competition is open to all South area clubs (as set out in Bye Law 3.10). Leagues will be structured on a geographical basis within the South area, clubs being allocated to a particular league by CA Development Staff.

North Area Under 14 League (12 players plus up to 3 substitutes)

The competition is open to all North clubs (as set out by Bye Law 3.10). League will be structures in two phases:

Phase 1: Geographical basis within the North area, clubs being allocated to a particular league by CA Development staff.

Phase 2: League standings within phase 1 shall determine the standard of division with which the teams shall compete for the Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 titles.

Under-17 Competitions (Under 17 on the 1st January on the year of competition)

Under-17 6-a-side Competitions (6 players plus up to 2 substitutes)

North of Scotland Under 17 6-a-side Championship: Participants within this competition shall be teams from the North of Scotland (as set out in Bye Law 3.10)

South of Scotland Under 17 6-a-side Championship: Participants within this competition shall be teams from the South of Scotland (as set out in Bye Law 3.10)

National Under 17 6-a-side Championship: Participation in this event will be open to all

Under 17 Cup Competitions

MacQuiston Cup (12 players plus up to 3 substitutes)

The competition is open to all South (as set out in Bye Law 3.10) area clubs and shall be competed for on a league or knockout basis dependant on entry numbers.

MacTavish Juvenile Cup (12 players plus up to 3 substitutes)

The competition is open to all North (as set out in Bye Law 3.10) are clubs and shall be competed on a knock out basis.

Under 17 League Competitions

London Shield (12 players plus up to 3 substitutes)

The competition is open to all clubs. Leagues will be structured in a geographical basis, with clubs being allocated to a particular league by CA Development staff. Qualifiers from the league structure shall compete in a knock out competition to determine National League Winners.

W J Cameron Development Competition (9 players with up to 3 substitutes)

This competition is open to all clubs not participating in the London Shield competition. Leagues will be structured on a geographical basis, with clubs being allocated to a particular league by CA Development staff. The winners of Section A will play the winners of Section B in the final. If a substantial number of fixtures are not played and the identification of qualifiers become problematic the CA reserves the right to use the final date as a one day round robin competition to determine the National League winners.

4.3 Variations to Byelaw 3 Competition Regulations and Procedures

4.4.1 Transfer of Players

A youth player (Under 17) within a club that are not able to field an Under 14 or Under 17 team within Youth League or Cup competitions shall be able to represent another team without the need of a transfer. "A player can only represent one club at each age group i.e. a player can only play Under U17 shinty for one club in that season", unless a transfer is requested and approved.

This includes any Development competitions.

The cut-off date for any youth transfers is the 30th of June each year.

Any suspensions incurred whilst competing for another team will be served at either the level the offence was incurred or for his/her host team as determined by the Camanachd Association.

Suspended Under-14 players will serve their ban in all Under-14 competitions. If due to age a player is unable to complete the suspension it will be carried forward to Under-17 level in matches following the age ineligibility date.

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The youth player's member team must submit notification to the Camanachd Association of a player's intent to play for another youth team.

4.4.2 Eligibility Criteria (Bye Law 3.10)

Unless specifically stated within the competition criteria the CA Development Staff reserve the right to modify the geographical boundaries set within Bye Law 10 in order to assist with the development of the game.

4.4.3 Failure to play a scheduled fixture

In line with senior fixtures, a youth team failing to fulfil three matches in a season shall result in that team being fined the sum of £100, which shall increase by £10 on each subsequent failure.