



# SCHOOL GAMES



# Team Wigan



## Year 5/6 Girls Football



**Wednesday 1st December**  
**10am arrival - 3pm**  
**Wigan Academy, Stadium Way,**  
**WN5 0UN**



## Who?

This competition will target girls with a passion for football who understand the game and can play confidently.

On your marks

## Why?

To support individual development in sport

## Team Composition

7 a side from a squad of 14

Get Set

## Event Format

The event will follow a traditional format where teams all play each other to result in a winning team. Teams may be split into pools, followed by crossover semi-finals and a final depending on numbers. Pools will be drawn at random

## Event Staff

The event will be supported by sports leaders from secondary schools/ Wigan Athletic Community Trust.

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## Rewards

Participation certificates will be available to all schools electronically. Medals will be presented to first, second and third placed teams.

## Rules of the Game

### The Playing Area

Playing area will be covered astroturf pitch. No metal studs allowed.

### Duration of matches

Teams will play in a league format.

A win will gain 3 points, a draw 2 and a loss 1.

Should teams be level on points at the end of the league stage, then positions will be decided by goal difference, then goals scored and finally the result between the two in the league.

### The Ball

Size 4 will be used

### Colours

Please bring bibs with you in case of a colour clash.

Only GIRLS will compete

#### Number Of Players

This is a 7 v 7 competition; therefore the team on the field of play will consist of 7 players. You should have a maximum of 14 players per squad.

Repeat substitutions will be allowed, with the permission of the referee

All team members should receive equal playing time where possible, with a best practice recommendation of at least 50% per player for each game.

#### Playing Equipment

Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing top. Shin guards must be covered entirely by the socks. Players must wear the appropriate clothing dependant on the weather.

Correct footwear must be worn for the surface of the pitch e.g. no metal studs on artificial grass pitches.

#### Referees

##### The Authority of the Referee

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws for Mini-Soccer in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.

Furthermore, referees should also recognise their role is to facilitate the learning of the players, for example, allow young children to take a second attempt at a throw-in if the first is not within the Laws

#### Start and restart of play

##### Procedure

A kick-off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored. Opponents must be five yards away from the ball and in their own half of the field. In Mini-Soccer a goal cannot be scored directly from a start or restart of play.

#### Special Circumstances

A dropped ball to restart the match, after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area, takes place on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the ball was located when the play stopped. No goal can be scored direct from a dropped ball.

#### Ball In and Out of play

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

#### Method of Scoring

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

#### Offside

There is no off side.

#### Fouls and Misconduct

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football. However, in Mini-Soccer all free kicks are direct. A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if the goalkeeper:

Takes more than six seconds to release the ball from his/her hands

Touches the ball again with his/her hands after it has been released from his/her possession and has not touched any other player

For all these offences, the free kick should be taken from the penalty area line, parallel with the goal line, at the nearest point to the offence

#### Free Kick

For all free kicks opponents must be five yards from the ball.

## Penalty Kicks

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

### Position of the Ball and the Players

All players except the defending goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least five yards from the penalty mark.

The ball must be kicked forward.

## Goal Kick

### Procedure

A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area.

Opponents must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play.

The defending team does not have to wait for the opposition to retreat and has the option to restart the game before should they choose to.

The ball is in play when it is kicked directly out the penalty

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## Health and Safety



First Aid is the responsibility of the staff responsible for the team.

Long hair must be tied back

No jewellery should be worn

All loose clothing must be tucked in.

No chewing gum/sweets allowed.



Please ensure your pupils bring with them any medical supplies they may need i.e. asthma inhalers.  
All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when performing.

Please ensure that your pupils have been thoroughly briefed with regards to health and safety

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## Further Opportunities

For further opportunities or resources for Girls Football visit:

<https://girlsfootballinschools.org/index.php>



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