

Social Media Rules and Guidance

Publication of u7 to u11 Match Results

Do's and Don'ts



It is always feels great to win and celebrate a result, however we need to be mindful of the FA rules and guidance around social media posts for non-competitive age groups.

The formal rule

*FA Rule 21 (D): The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but **NOT publish results** or any grading tables for fixtures involved u7s, u8s, u9s, u10s and u11s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule will be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and any Club failing to abide by this rule will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.*

The Liverpool County FA have confirmed this includes social media posts including closed membership groups.

What does this mean?

There must be no publication of scores, results or tables on websites, social media or any other means referring to u7s to u11s football. Reports or posts which highlight the efforts and performances of teams are permitted, however detailing results, scores, and scorers are not permitted. This does not mean the FA are suggesting that non-competitive football should not be celebrated and promoted.

As a league, we want to hear about the experiences of youngsters in grassroots football and help support and promote their development and the fantastic efforts and work going on across the leagues. We also know coaches, parents and carers want to talk about football across social media – but scores and results are not permitted!

Below are a couple of examples highlighting some do's ✓ and don'ts ✗. These are not exhaustive and provide only a guide.

