

WANT TO RUN YOUR OWN

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL?



HERE IS A SIMPLE 'HOW TO GUIDE'

Why get involved?

Football Festivals are a fun, inclusive and practical way to harness the excitement and buzz of UEFA EURO 2020. If you're using the Host City Challenge and/or Reading Challenge resources in your school, it's a great way to further engage young people.

With flexibility around the type of venue required and simple equipment requirements, you can use this guide to suit your locality and the number of young people you wish to involve.

Who can you use the guide?

SEND, primary and secondary schools, families and those who want to set up a festival in a community or club setting.

What's included?

A simple overview of the equipment you will need, roles of the players, how to play different festival formats, adaptations you can make, and useful diagrams to make it easy to understand.



SEND SCHOOL

EQUIPMENT: Cones or markers for different pitches | Goals: Tall cones or goals if available | Stop watch | Whistle

ROLES

- **Players:** Take part in the games.
- **Timekeeper:** Times the games and blows a whistle to signal the start and end of each game.
- **Drinks person:** Can carry drinks to players on different pitches when and if required.
- **Referee:** An adult or a player (or all the children) who oversees the game.
- **Ball boy/girl:** Provides a new ball for a pitch and retrieves the ball that has gone out of play.
- These roles can be rotated between non-playing, playing or adults supporting the festival.



HOW TO SET UP

1. Mark out enough pitches to ensure all your children can play at the same time.
2. Use orange cones to mark the goals on one side of the pitch and green on the other.
3. Mark out a large area in the centre for rests, drinks and any first aid.
4. Pitch B: Using blue cones split the pitch into two halves. Place 10 yellow cones and 10 white cones on each half of the pitch (10 spare balls needed for the progression).
5. Pitch D: Balance four balls on cones, at each end of the pitch. Create two starting lines with blue cones.

PRIMARY

The set up above caters for 16 children playing 2 v 2.

SECONDARY

The set up above caters for 24 children playing 3 v 3.

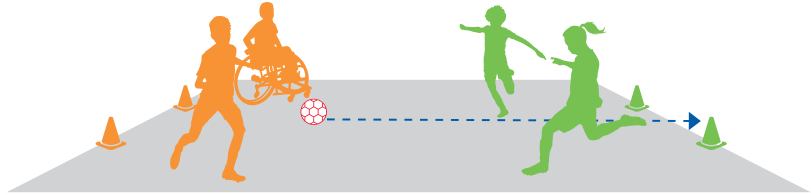
HOW TO PLAY

1. Children get into pairs.
2. Each pair will be named after a European nation participating in UEFA EURO 2020.
3. Each game will last for 4 minutes for primary and 5 minutes for secondary.
4. Once the timer runs out the timekeeper blows their whistle.
5. The children playing in orange goals move clockwise to the next pitch.
 - E.g. if you are on pitch A you would move to pitch B.
6. The children playing in the green goals move anti-clockwise to the next pitch.
 - E.g. if you are on pitch A you would move to pitch D.

SEND SCHOOL

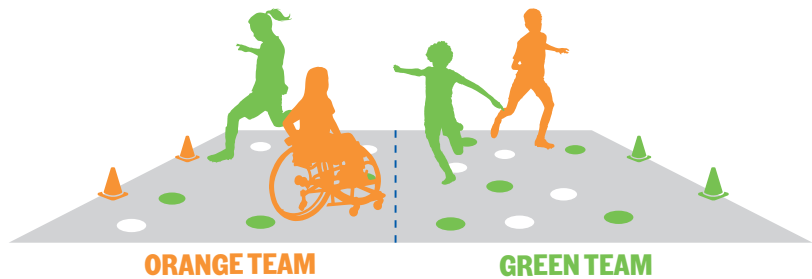
PITCH A AND C

- Two pairs come together on each pitch with one pair standing in the green goal and the other in the orange.
- A ball is placed in the centre of the pitch.
- When the whistle is blown the aim is for each team to try and score a goal. The team with the most goals wins.



PITCH B

- Two pairs come together on each pitch with one pair standing in the green goal and the other in the orange.
- On go, players collect a cone, travel into the other half of the pitch and place the cone on the floor.
- The orange team are aiming to place all the white cones in the green team's half.
- The green team are aiming to place all the green cones in the orange team's half.
- The first team to move all 10 cones wins.
- Repeat the game: play as above but this time use 10 footballs which can be balanced on top of the cones.



PITCH D

- Balance four footballs on cones at each end of the pitch.
- Create two starting lines with blue cones.
- Children take it in turns to bowl or kick the ball towards the balanced balls.
- Which team can knock all four balls off first?
- Adjust the starting position depending upon your children's needs.

