



Study Group  
**Scheme**

## Football Competition Program for Schools

Slovak Football Association



## Sports Competition Program for Schools

*„The values mediated by sports help develop knowledge, motivation, skills and willingness to exert personal effort. The time spent on sports activities in schools provides health and educational benefits, which must be developed further.“*

*(White Paper on Sport, 2007, section 2.3)*



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*Football competitions for schools...*

*Student sports competitions are part of the education process at schools, they are linked to school learning and develop it based on the principle of voluntary action, creating a special incentive for the development of students' sports talent based on their competitiveness.*



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The mission of football competitions for male and female students is, in particular, to:

- creatively develop students' competence gained in sports classes and develop a positive attitude towards lifelong sports activities and a healthy lifestyle,
- search for talented sports students, support the further development of their talents and contribute to an effective use of their leisure time,
- lead students to self-invention and encourage their interest in self-education in the field of sport,



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The mission of football competitions for male and female students is, in particular, to:

- create a competitive environment for students to compare their abilities, skills and knowledge through competitions and creative cooperation,
- ensure a successful representation of the Slovak Republic in international sports competitions for schools (ISF).



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## Aims for organizing student football competitions

- Inclusion of larger numbers of students in regular football activities and preparation for competitions.
- Improvement of selection of gifted students in student football competitions.
- Teaching staff motivation toward a more active preparation and participation in student football competitions.



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## Aims for organizing student football competitions

- Streamlined funding of student football competitions.
- Gyms and playgrounds in schools made available to students and general public.
- Improved public awareness regarding the organization of student football competitions.



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## Principles for creation of the new program of student sports competitions

- Respect for age, school and football specifics.
- Respect for student' interests and voluntary participation in the football competitions.
- Respect for personal and material conditions at schools.
- Respect for the budget options.



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Responsible bodies ?

Slovak Football Association

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Ministry of Education and Sports

Starting point: May 2010

Official announcement of new **“Sports Competition Program for Preschool, Primary and Secondary Schools”**

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## Main responsibilities

### Ministry of Education and Sports:

- Announcement of competitions (official letter, website)
- Registration (website)
- Next informations – organizers, results (website)
- Organization and funding of tournaments at school, county (79), district (8) level

(teachers, volunteers, district school offices)



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## Main responsibilities

### Slovak FA:

- Promotion (ambassadors, websites)
- Marketing (partners, event management)
- Co-organization of tournaments at school, county (79), district (8) level
- Organization and funding of Final Tournaments (national level)

(SFA school organizers, SFA youth coaches, partners)



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## School Competitions in Football 2010/2011

### Elementary schools:

Small-side football U10 mixed teams

Small-side football U15 boys and girls

11v11 football U15 boys and girls

### Secondary schools:

11v11 football U17 boys and girls (ISF World cup)



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## School Competitions in Football 2011/2012

### Elementary schools:

Small-side football U10 mixed teams

***Small-side football U13 boys and girls***

Small-side football U15 boys and girls

11v11 football U15 boys and girls

### Secondary schools:

11v11 football U19 boys and girls



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## School Competitions in Football

### School year 2010/2011

Partners: 1 (McDonald's)

Ambassadors: 0

### School year 2011/2012

Partners: 3 (McDonald's, Coca Cola, Jednota COOP,  
UEFA Hat-Trick Programme)

Ambassadors: 4



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## Problems in school year 2010/2011

- Late announcement
- Registration (user names, passwords)
- Lack of informations
- Organization of tournaments at school, county (79), district (8) level - distict school offices
- No ambassadors
- One commercial partner

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## Actual situation:

- The number of students who are exempt from physical activities as a result of various diseases and disorders continues to rise.
- On the contrary, the number of students who are healthy and can get involved in sports and the numbers of gifted students is on a decline.

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## Main Goals:

- It is necessary to provide more space for curricular and extracurricular physical activities.
- The community support for children and youth should be targeted specifically at programs that are open and responsive to the interests of children and youth.

