

## FAI Schools National Primary Finals 2015 Results

### A' Schools Cup: (Small Schools)

Winner: Butlersbridge NS, Cavan (Ulster)  
Runner Up: St. Leonard's NS, Dunnamaggin, Kilkenny (Leinster)  
Third: St. Joseph's NS, Bolybeg, Galway (Connacht)  
Fourth: Ballyduff Central NS, Tralee, Kerry (Munster)  
Player of the Tournament: Fionntain O'Reilly, Butlersbridge NS, Cavan

### 'B' Schools Cup: (Medium Schools)

Winner: Lisnagry NS, Limerick (Munster)  
Runner Up: St. Brigid's NS, Killygarry, Cavan (Ulster)  
Third: Cloonakilla NS, Athlone, Roscommon (Connacht)  
Fourth: Boyerstown NS, Meath (Leinster)  
Player of the Tournament: Caimin Ayres, Lisnagry NS, Limerick

### 'C' Schools Cup: (Large Schools)

Winner: St. Anthony's BNS, Ballinlough, Cork (Munster)  
Runner Up: St. Patrick's BNS, Castlebar, Mayo (Connacht)  
Third: Edenderry BNS, Offaly (Leinster)  
Fourth: Scoil Íosagáin, Bunrana, Donegal (Ulster)  
Player of the Tournament: Ewan Lee, St. Anthony's BNS, Ballinlough, Cork

### Girls 'A' Schools Cup: (Small Schools)

Winner: St. Mary's NS, Arva, Cavan (Ulster)  
Runner Up: St. Fergus' NS, Glin, Limerick (Munster)  
Third: Stonepark NS, Longford (Leinster)  
Fourth: St. Oliver Plunkett NS, Kilkerrin, Galway (Connacht)  
Player of the Tournament: Kayla Brady, St. Mary's NS, Arva, Cavan

### Girls 'B' Schools Cup: (Large Schools)

Winner: St. Brigid's NS, Kildare Town (Leinster)  
Runner Up: Star of the Sea, Passage West, Cork (Munster)  
Third: St. John's NS, Breaffy, Castlebar, Mayo (Connacht)  
Fourth: Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin, Donegal (Ulster)  
Player of the Tournament: Casey Palmer, St. Brigid's NS, Kildare Town

### Final Dates 2016:

National Finals: May 11, 2016, Aviva Stadium, Dublin  
Leinster Finals: April 28, 2016, MDL Grounds, Trim Road, Navan, Co. Meath  
Connacht Finals: April 27, 2016, Milebush Park, Castlebar, Co. Mayo  
Ulster Finals: April 21, 2016, Lakeside, Aileach FC, Burnfoot, Inishowen, Co. Donegal  
Munster Finals: April 20, 2016, Ferrybank AFC, Co. Waterford

### Co-ordinators:

National Finals: Diane Fay 086 0404 952  
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Ulster Finals: Martin Robins 086 348 2973  
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## General Rules 2016

### Affiliation/Entry Fee

€50 per school. This sum affiliates the school and entitles them to enter the FAI Schools' competition. Schools will not be allowed to participate until the online form is completed in full and fees are received by the local co-ordinator.

### Age Rule

Players must be born on or after January 1, 2003. Players must be registered on the school roll on September 30, 2015.

### Competition

#### Small Schools 'A' Cup:

0-25 boys on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2015.

#### Medium Schools 'B' Cup:

26-80 boys on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2015.

#### Large Schools 'C' Cup:

81+boys on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2015.

Mixed teams of boys and girls in above competitions are allowed and encouraged. As you are aware, the Girls Cups will be specifically for girls only competition.

#### Girls 'A' Cup:

0-25 girls on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2015.

#### Girls 'B' Cup:

26-80 girls on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2015.

#### NEW in 2016 Girls 'C' Cup:

81+girls on school roll in 4th, 5th, 6th class on September 30, 2015.

### Referees

Official referees should be used where possible. Minimum age limit for referees is 15 years.

### Participation

On the day of the competition, schools must follow the procedure below:

- A squad of no more than eight players must be submitted to the local co-ordinator.
- The full name of each player including their date of birth must be listed on headed school paper.
- The signature of the teacher in charge and Principal must be on the squad list.
- All schools must agree and abide by the rules of the competition.
- Once submitted, no changes can be made to the squad for that day's competition.
- Squad lists will be available for inspection by other teachers during the competition.



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# The SPAR FAI Primary School 5s is the biggest competition in primary schools' soccer.

The programme involved 19,000 students last year with over 1,000 schools participating. The competition has been running since the mid 1990s and the programme promises to be bigger and better this year.

Competitions begin at the end of February with Provincial Finals at the end of April and National Finals in May. There is a competition in every county and the winners progress to their respective Regional and Provincial Finals and then to the National Finals which will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 in the Aviva Stadium, Dublin.

There are six sections to cater for all school sizes, and while FAI Schools encourage boys and girls to play on the same team, they do have separate competitions for girls' schools.

**Entry for 2016 is ONLINE (only). Please register your School now at [www.fai.ie/primary5](http://www.fai.ie/primary5)**  
 Each participating school will receive one complimentary football for entering the competition.  
 Payment: Schools should forward a cheque for €50 made payable to FAI SCHOOLS to their local co-ordinator to ensure entry is complete. Contact numbers for their local co-ordinator can be found overleaf. Details of the payment process is also outlined in the online entry procedures.



## COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition will be run, where possible, in a blitz format. Number of teams per group should not exceed five. Three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.

In the event of two teams being tied on points, the following criteria shall be applied:

- Results of game between the sides
- Goal Difference
- Goals Scored
- If still tied, teams shall play a maximum of 5 minutes per half (play-off game). If at the end of this play-off game, teams are still tied, a penalty shootout will take place with three kicks per team to apply. If still tied, sudden death penalties to apply.

If more than two teams are tied then the competition shall be decided as follows:

- Goal Difference
- Goals Scored
- If still tied, a round robin penalty shootout shall take place. Three kicks each, with sudden death penalties to be used if still tied. At the end, the top two teams will take part in a further penalty shootout to decide the winner.

In the event of bad weather, the competition may be played on a knock out basis. Competition will be arranged on a group basis as decided by the Branch Primary Section in conjunction with the local co-ordinator. Winners to qualify for Regional / Provincial Finals.

MEDIA: All schools are encouraged to promote the competition in their own area through local press and radio or social media platforms.

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All media press releases and reports must refer to the tournament's full title at all times 'SPAR FAI Primary School 5s'.

## RULES OF THE GAME

The laws of Association Football shall apply, with the following adaptations:

### Law 1: Field of Play

The field of play must be rectangular with the following dimensions:

Maximum length shall be 50 metres with minimum length 30 metres. The maximum width shall be 35 metres with minimum width 20 metres. The recommended field shall be 40 metres x 25 metres.

The centre circle shall have a radius of 5 metres.

The penalty area shall have a width of 15 metres and a length of 10 metres.

The penalty spot shall be 8 metres from goal line.

The goals shall measure 6 feet high by 16 feet wide (4.87m X 1.82m). (Futsal Sized Goals may be used if available -3m X 2m).

### Law 2: The Ball

A size five weighted football (370gms) must be used for all competitions.

### Law 3: No. of Players

Eight players per squad. No players, other than those eight, shall be togged out on side line.

Only five players, including a goalkeeper, may be on the field of play at any time.



### Law 6: Offside

There shall be no offside in any games.



### Law 4: Substitutions

Substitutions may be made at any time, and on a rotational basis. The referee must be alerted of any change. In the case of a goalkeeper substitution, this must take place from the substitutes on the bench. The substitute goalkeeper must wear a different colour jersey to the outfield players at all times.

### Law 5: Duration of Game

Each game shall consist of 20 minutes. Each half is to be of 10 minutes duration except for below. Total playing time per team per blitz shall not exceed 80 minutes. Half time break shall not exceed five minutes.

### Law 7: Fouls and misconduct

Red Card or two consecutive yellow cards in a game; player shall be suspended for next match on day or the first match of the next day's competition. Violent Conduct, Abuse of Referee, opposing players, teachers or foul and abusive language shall be suspended for next two matches on day or of next day's competition. Such a ban can be extended at discretion of Primary Section depending on referee's report.

### Law 8: Free Kicks

The opposition shall be at least five metres from the ball at the time of the free kick.

### Law 9: Penalty Kick

Penalties shall be taken from a spot 8 metres from the goal line.

### Law 10: Throw In

When the ball goes over the sideline (or touches the wall where the pitch has a surrounding wall) the game will restart with a throw-in.

### Law 11: Goal Clearance

The goalkeeper will throw out the ball at all times. The Keeper will not be allowed to kick the ball from their hands or the ground unless dealing with a back pass. Infringements of this rule will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team. When the ball goes out wide over the end lines, the goalkeeper throws the ball back into play, ensuring that the ball lands in their half of the playing area.

### Law 12: Scoring Opportunities

Players can't score directly from tip-off. Ball must be touched forward to another player.

## Players Equipment

All players, including substitutes, must wear shin guards. A player will not be allowed to participate if he/she is not wearing a complete and safe set of shin guards. Match referees must check all players for this item of gear before each game. For health and safety purposes, players are not permitted to wear glasses. Please note only sports goggles are permitted.



## COUNTY CO-ORDINATORS CONTACT DETAILS

PROVINCE	COUNTY	ORGANISER	PHONE	PROVINCE	COUNTY	ORGANISER	PHONE
Connacht	Leitrim	Damon Kearney	087-7728173	Leinster	Dublin	Tom Bolger	087-9582484
Connacht	Sligo	John Russell	083-1685062	Leinster	Wicklow	Alan Reynolds	086-0418726
Connacht	Mayo	Harry Canning	086-1712275	Leinster	Wexford	William Doyle	086-0437696
Connacht	Roscommon	Noel Dervan	086-6082016	Leinster	Carlow	Garry Coady	086-7954468
Connacht	Galway	Nigel Keady	086-0418648	Munster	Kerry	Darren Aherne	086-0489019
Leinster	Laos	Nichole Dunphy	086-0485820	Munster	Cork	Fergus McDaid	087-6180400
Leinster	Offaly	Diane Fay	086-0404952	Munster	Clare	Denis Hynes	087-0508618
Leinster	Kildare	Pat Behan	087-9956387	Munster	Limerick	Barbara Bermingham	086-7712337
Leinster	Westmeath	David Scally	044-9390208	Munster	Tipperary	James Scott	086-0472055
Leinster	Longford	Carmel Browne	087-6479344	Munster	Waterford	Gerard Duggan	087-2750809
Leinster	Kilkenny	Darren Murray	087-6378742	Ulster	Donegal	Martin Robins	086-3482973
Leinster	Louth	Michael Neville	086-6095463	Ulster	Monaghan	Mark Macklin	086-6030766
Leinster	Meath	Paul Holland	087-9630375	Ulster	Cavan	Ciaran Cassidy	086-3748866

Please contact the local co-ordinator for specific details on your competition date, venue and times. Also check out [www.faischools.ie](http://www.faischools.ie) for further information in relation to the competition.