

FOOTY COMP: THE RULES

OVERVIEW

The Footy Comp is football prediction competition where you are in fact playing two competitions simultaneously. Firstly, a league where you are matched against another player in a head to head game and secondly a monthly competition for the highest scoring player.

THE PRINCIPLES

As far as possible, the rules of real football apply. So, most obviously, the highest scorer wins but equally there is promotion and relegation (and play offs) between the divisions and qualification for each year's European competitions. Your total league match points scored act as your goal difference to separate ties.

THE COMPETITIONS

1. LEAGUE

You will play each person in your division at least twice. The exact format is always dependent on number of entries. Each match will be ten games made up of Premier League games played on Saturday and Sunday plus televised Championship games. Additional games may be played on weekdays or over the Christmas period as the fixtures permit.

2. MONTHLY

The monthly prize is awarded to the highest points scorer of the month across all league games in any given month.

3. CUP COMPETITIONS

We also run a European Champions League, a Europa League, a Europa Conference, an FA Cup, and a League Cup.

Qualification for each is as follows (all relate to previous season):

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Top four placings from the Premier League plus the Europa League winner, FA Cup winner, League Cup winner and Champions League holder. If players double qualify, extra places will be awarded for league placing until we have eight.

EUROPA LEAGUE

Highest Premier League placing plus the Europa Conference winner, FA Cup runner-up, League Cup runner-up and highest match point scorer. Champions League qualifiers are not eligible. There will be a total of eight entrants.

EUROPA CONFERENCE

All players not qualified for the Champions League or Europa League. Dependent on numbers, this competition may have to start with a preliminary round(s).

FA CUP AND LEAGUE CUP

All players.

SCORING

Correct result (home or away), wrong score: 2 points
Correct result (home or away), correct score: 3 points
Correct result (draw): 3 points

GAME MECHANICS

You will always be advised of forthcoming fixtures via The Telegram group usually 48 hours before the first game (FIXTURES). Scores must be submitted by midnight the day before the first fixture.

You will usually receive a reminder, but this is not guaranteed (REMINDER).

Next comes details of everyone's predictions (SCORES).

Lastly comes the results and updated tables (RESULTS AND TABLES).

CORRECTIONS

We have two ways of correcting errors. Firstly, you can raise an objection within 72 hours of anything you think is wrong. Secondly, we use an established player as a checker (known as VAR). He checks everything although not always immediately as he has other commitments. After 72 hours results become fixed and unalterable.

COSTS

The Footy Comp costs either £90 per season if paid up front or £10 per month for ten months.

PRIZES

The prize fund is made up of all entry fees paid minus 12.5% for administration. Prizes are calculated assuming all entry fees are paid but obviously, this is not always the case. The league prizes are therefore subject to deductions based on withdrawals.

Last season's prizes are shown in the table below as a guide. Exact numbers will depend on player numbers. There are 31 prizes available. The variation in the monthlies is due to the number of games in each month.

COMPETITION	FIRST	SECOND	TOTAL
PREMIERSHIP	£460.00	£230.00	£805
CHAMPIONSHIP	£340.00	£170.00	£595
AUGUST	£27.00	£12.00	£49
SEPTEMBER	£39.00	£15.00	£64
OCTOBER	£27.00	£12.00	£49
NOVEMBER	£27.00	£12.00	£49

DECEMBER	£64.00	£35.00	£109
JANUARY	0	0	£0
FEBRUARY	£39.00	£15.00	£64
MARCH	£39.00	£15.00	£64
APRIL	£27.00	£12.00	£49
FA CUP	£41	£20.5	£61.50
LEAGUE CUP	£22.5	£11.25	£33.75
ECL	£54	£27	£81

MISSED SCORES

If you forget and don't put your scores in before the deadline all ten scores will be entered as 1-2 and marked accordingly. This is known as a default score.

MASTER SPREADSHEET

A master spreadsheet will be accessible to all players through Google Docs. It will show all the dates of all the games, all scores and results, the tables, including the monthly, and a host of information on prizes, past winners, world rankings of each player past and present and the like.

COMPLAINTS

The Footy Comp has been running 14 years and we haven't had a complaint for over eight years which is one of the reasons we are taking the competition public, but in the event of a complaint we have two procedures to resolve anything.

The first is precedent. If the situation has cropped up before, then we will ensure it is resolved the same way. If it is a new situation, we have a small committee consisting of three founder members, the VAR officer and Josh of Bet Chat who will be asked to find the fairest solution. No member of the resolution committee is allowed to vote on anything that affects themselves.

IRREGULARITIES

PENALTIES

Any match that could go to penalties in the real world can go to penalties in The Footy Comp. Our version of penalties is to compare the total number of goals predicted by each player with the total number of actual goals in the games contested. In the event of ties, over beats under. If still tied, then a similar calculation of the previous round is made.

CUPS

In order to play a cup final, we use the quarter finals onwards and all cups follow this format. This means that we only have room for 32 players in the League Cup. If we exceed this number, the first round will be three headed.

JACKPOT

In the event that anybody correctly predicts the correct result of all ten league fixtures, they win the jackpot. Each week 10p per player is set aside for the jackpot which currently stands at £30 having been won quite recently. It had not been won for several years and reached over £600. Additional weeks where only one division might be playing are not included as jackpot weeks.