



Malta Football Association

Trials to assess players to enter Year 9 – Entry to the National Sport School

Preparation

1. Players to be called at the Technical Centre Training Ground. Where possible, students are split up by 1st six months and 2nd six months of the year; height/weight, bio-banding.
2. Players to be divided in separate teams each with 8 players + Gk vs 8 players +Gk
3. Each team to be given coloured bibs, all teams having different colour bibs.
4. Each player to have a different number.
5. Coaches to explain to players that they are to play games 8 vs 8 + Gk`s

Method of Trials

1. Each player will be given a grade from 1 to 5. (5 being the highest mark whilst 1 being the lowest.
2. Teams - 8 + Gk vs 8 + Gk
3. Playing Area 60 metres x 50 meters
4. Football Plenty (size 4)
5. Games will be played in a 9v9 format (Gk + 8 players)
6. Each player to play two halves of fifteen minutes each (ie.30 minutes game)
7. MFA coaching staff including goalkeepers` coaches will assess the participants.
8. Coaches to assess players from the side of the playing area.
9. Each coach to give points to each player, on Technical Centre Assessment forms.
10. After trials, the assessment forms to be handed to Technical Centre administrator who will match the colour and bib number to the name of each player.
11. Technical Centre to compile the total number of points for each player.
12. Technical Centre to forward the final results to the National Sport School

2nd Trial to be repeated within a few days` time so that all players are watched twice.

Same trials` methods are used. If, for any one of the two trails, a player is absent for any reason (sick/injured), no points will be awarded for the missed trial. Scores from the two sessions will be aggregated and the top nine (9) players / goalkeepers will then qualify for the next phase of the selection process. The best result from the two trials will be used and not the average result of both trials.

NOTE: During both trials, staff coaches will be able to identify players ONLY by their bib colour and number as names of players do not appear on any assessment form.