## **ESFA POLICIES**

## SUNDAY FOOTBALL

Historically, the English Schools' Football Association has never countenanced the playing of Schools' Football on a Sunday, and at all times, the Membership has been requested not to encourage the playing of the sport on a Sunday.

However, in recognition of the increasing academic and recreational pressures not only for the school children but also for school teachers responsible for the conduct of Schools' Football, Membership has agreed, over a number of years, on the following policy:-

- (a) That, at International level, England shall not offer an invitation to play on a Sunday. There an overseas Association offers a Sunday Match, it may be accepted, provided that alternative days are not possible.
- (b) The matches related to English Schools' FA National Competitions shall not be played on Sundays, except the Council may sanction the playing of the final stages of a sponsored National Competition on a Sunday, if it is in the interests of the sponsorship agreement to do so.
- (c) That matches related to registered Competitions with the English Schools' FA shall not be played on a Sunday.
- (d) Where Training/Coaching Sessions or Friendly Matches, which are part of these sessions, are seemed necessary on a Sunday, early liaison should be made with County FA based organisations to avoid conflict.
- (e) Any boy who wishes to withdraw from any session of coaching and training or match, arranged on a Sunday, on the grounds of religious conscience will be allowed to do so without prejudice to his future involvement with Schools' Football.
- (f) As it is the right of parents to determine whether or not a boy plays in Sunday Football registered by County FA's, Head Teachers' permission is not required for such registered activities played on Sundays.