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FOR YOUR
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KICKSTART 2025/26

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO KICKSTART THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO KICKSTART
IF YOU ARE RETURNING, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

The following information should hopefully give you an insight into what the season ahead holds for you and your teams, plus information regarding the requirements of playing in KickStart YFL.



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HOUSEKEEPING

FIRE EXITS

TOILETS

REFRESHMENTS



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INDUCTION MEETING

2025 / 2026 SEASON

STARTS 7TH SEPTEMBER

U7's U8's U9's U10's

U11's U12's



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AGENDA

- Message from the Chairman
- Kickstart Website
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

First of all I would like to thank each and every one of you for choosing to play your football in Kickstart YFL this season, your support of the league is much appreciated and enables us to keep grassroots football local to the Mansfield & Ashfield areas

The last few seasons have been difficult for obvious reasons, Heatwaves, Excessive rainfall storms and high winds. Some of the pitches are still showing the scars from these extraordinary events, with 2025 having the driest spring in over 100 years and so far this summer we've officially had 3 heat waves making the pitches very dry and growth has been minimal, however we are working to get all pitches repaired and ready for the season ahead. Venues large enough to accommodate a Kickstart site are very hard to come by so we are working very closely with our current sites to improve where possible and are always searching for additional sites where we can share the load.

We are all looking forward to the new season here at Kickstart and wish you all the best for the season ahead.

Yours in Sport
Paul Griffiths
League Chairman





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KICKSTART WEBSITE

What can be found at www.kickstartfootball.co.uk



Facebook - kickstartyouthfootball

- Information about the league including all of the latest news
- Contact details for everyone at Kickstart
- Documents and forms -
 - Applications for, clubs, teams, summer league, out of county tournaments, fixture cancellations.
 - League handbook, League rules,
 - Registration , transfer, detaching player Guidance
 - Rules of the game 5v5 7v7 9v9 11v11
 - Respect codes of conduct
- Whole Game System login link
- Seasons Fixtures
 - Link to the FA “Full Time System” for all teams in all age groups leading to-
Upcoming fixtures, League tables, Results (competitive leagues only) stats, postponed fixtures etc.
- Weather watch
 - Colour coded pitch conditions at a glance, current weather forecast.
- Other Information
 - Secure site details, Referee information, Summer League information, Central Venue facilities
- Sponsors
 - Details of current sponsors and information how to sponsor the league.



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KICK OFF COUNTDOWN

20	18	01	40
Day	Hrs	Mins	Sec
3rd Sept 2023			

Mansfield & Ashfields Premier Youth Football League

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KICKSTART WEBSITE

The screenshot shows a website interface for the KickStart Youth Football League. At the top, there are four images of soccer players in action, each with a green button below it: "Manor Sports", "Samworth Academy", "Queen Elizabeths", and "Clipstone FC Lido". Below these is a section titled "WEATHER WATCH - SEE COLOUR CODED PITCH CONDITIONS AT A GLANCE ABOVE". The text below this title says: "The buttons above are colour coded to reflect the pitch conditions and game status. Click on the buttons above to get more information for your age group / venue conditions and pitch inspection times." At the bottom of this section are three buttons: "Green - OK Games On", "Orange - Under Review Games On", and "Red - Games OFF". To the right of the pitch condition buttons is a weather widget for Mansfield, Sun, Aug 13, 2023, showing a temperature of 19°C and "Mostly Cloudy" conditions. Below the weather widget is a table showing the weather forecast for the next four days.

Day	Weather	Temperature
Mon	Cloudy	21°
Tue	Cloudy	22°
Wed	Cloudy	22°
Thu	Cloudy	22°





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AGE-GROUP INFORMATION

Under 7's - Queen Elizabeth's 10 Teams

Under 8's - Samworth Academy 15 Teams

Under 9's - Manor Complex 16 Teams

Under 10's - Queen Elizabeth's 14 Teams

Under 11's - Manor Complex 15 Teams

Under 12's - Manor Complex 8 Teams





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VENUE DETAILS

Queen Elizabeth's -

150 Chesterfield Rd, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, NG19 7AP

Site Manager - Kev Reader 07970 883428 Site Administrator – Rhian Rees

Samworth Academy –

Sherwood Hall Road Mansfield NG18 2DY

Site Manager - TBC

Manor Park -

Ley Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, NG19 8JX

Site Manager - Mark Moulson 07799 625535 Site Administrator – Lukas Moulson





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VENUE RULES

ALCOHOL, SMOKING or VAPING is NOT allowed on any touchline in the interests of Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children.

FUND-RAISING on match days by the **HOME** team (as per your 'Team Sheet') is permitted on all KickStart venues, providing it involves spectators surrounding your pitch; supporting your game only.

PHOTOGRAPHY or FILMING is permitted on all KickStart venues providing you ask your opposition Team Manager on the day if they have got any objections. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this in the interests of Safeguarding Children.

PARENTS/CARERS & SPECTATORS must remain behind the 'Designated Spectator Areas' at all times, which may be in the form of ropes, cones or lines marked on the ground. This is to help support teams in a more responsible manner and in accordance with the 'Respect Programme'.

No Dogs, No Vaping, No Smoking allowed on QE or Samworth sites please.





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LEAGUE STRUCTURE

U7 - 2 DIVISIONS

U8 – 3 DIVISIONS

U9 – 3 DIVISIONS

U10 – 2 DIVISIONS

U11 – 2/3 DIVISIONS

U12 – 1 DIVISION





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COMPETITIVE LEAGUES
U7 – U8 - 3 X 2 WEEKS
U9 – U10 – 3 X 4 WEEKS
U11 – 3 X 6 WEEKS
U12 – FULL COMPETITIVE



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WINTER & SPRING LEAGUES

COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL

U7's & U8's – These age groups will play in friendly leagues where we will adjust the teams periodically to ensure that the games are as even as possible. The competitive element will come by the way of 3 festivals, each run over a period of 2 weeks. One in the winter and one in the spring, a bit like a summer tournament but run over 3 Sundays.

U9's, U10's & U11's - The season will be split into 2 halves, Winter and Spring and will consist of 2 competitive trophy event leagues of 6-8 teams along with a number of friendlies

U12's - The season will be fully competitive. 8 teams playing each other twice once as the home team and once as the away plus the addition of our new Champions League style **Malc Jones Cup** in memory of our late Life President

All age groups will also have a post season festival in May at the end of the season as part of the league.

Any U12 competitive games that are postponed will be rescheduled at the back of the competitive block.

Any friendly games postponed may just drop out of the system.





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PLAYING DATES

SEASON STARTS 7TH SEPTEMBER

NO GAME SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

NO GAME EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL

SEASON ENDS SUN 24TH MAY

END OF SEASON FESTIVALS

9TH 10TH 16TH 17TH MAY





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ON MATCH DAYS

BEFORE THE GAME

Please book in at Football Reception at least 30 minutes before your scheduled kick off time and register your attendance, pay match fees and collect any outstanding player cards.

Exchange your Player Registration ID cards with the opposition Team Manager for checking at least 15 minutes before your scheduled kick off time, then return them immediately. This is NOT optional this is MANDATORY for EVERY game

PLEASE REPORT ANY QUERIES OR CONCERNS ABOUT PLAYER REGISTRATION ID CARDS TO YOUR SITE MANAGER BEFORE THE GAME STARTS BECAUSE COMPLAINTS OF THIS NATURE WILL NOT BE INVESTIGATED LATER.

Prior to the game, participating Teams are required to line up and conduct the 'Respect' handshake





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ON MATCH DAYS

DURING THE GAME

Record your starting line-up and goal scorers in readiness for loading on to “Full Time” at

<https://fulltime-admin.thefa.com/>

Make a note of the players when they enter the field of play for the first time.

Record goals scored for and against.





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ON MATCH DAYS

AFTER THE GAME

After the game, participating Teams are expected to conduct the 'Respect' handshake.

Record the final score clearly and accurately, you will receive a text to record your scores using the automated "Full Time System" Enter your score and send.

IF YOU ONLY MANAGE 1 TEAM PLEASE SUBMIT THE SCORE ONLY IN THE FORMAT 0-3 WITH THE HOME TEAM FIRST.

IF YOU ARE THE AWAY TEAM AND WIN 3-0 YOU WOULD PUT 0-3

ADDING ANY OTHER INFO OR FORMAT WILL NOT SUBMIT THE SCORE

If you manage more than one team you MUST use the short code along with the score i.e 1-1 SN03





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ON MATCH DAYS

AFTER THE GAME

Complete the 'Fair Play Award' and 'Referees Marks' on the Full Time System which will unlock the Player Statistics tab (a full guide to completing the FA Marks and Player Statistics can be found on our website by going to www.kickstartfootball.co.uk).

Make sure all sections of your Statistics have been completed in full and submitted no later than Monday 7pm after the game

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATED FINE AS PER THE FA FINES TARIFF





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CODE OF CONDUCT

REFEREES



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KICKSTART REFEREES

PREPARING FOR THE NEW SEASON AHEAD

2025/26



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REFEREES

- Referees are provided for **every** game in the Kickstart League. All referees are qualified FA referees and are all registered with both Nottinghamshire FA and also with Kickstart League.
- After every game, team managers will go into the Full Time system and mark the referees on their performance. This information is used by both the county FA and Kickstart to identify any issues and any referees excelling in their duties.
- There is still a shortage of Referees in the County however we are pleased to announce that Kickstart have secured all of the referees we require to fulfil all fixtures for the 2025/2026 season. A big thank you to all of our referees for their continued support
- REMEMBER most of our referees are children themselves, any referee wearing a purple top or a yellow armband is under 18. please remember your code of conduct relating to referees and respect. Any abuse directed at any of our referees will not be tolerated, no exceptions.





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REPORTING PROCESS

Inappropriate Behaviour	PLAYERS	MANAGERS / COACHES	SPECTATORS
Dissent (Shouting / Questions the Referees ability)	WARNING SIN BIN YELLOW CARD	WARNING YELLOW CARD	SPEAK TO MANAGERS TO RESOLVE
Using offensive / abusive / insulting language	RED CARD REPORT TO FA	RED CARD* REPORT TO FA INFORM SITE MANAGER *USE SAFEGUARDING GUIDELINES	SPEAK TO MANAGERS IF DOESN'T STOP SPEAK TO MANAGERS AGAIN AND EXPLAIN POSSIBLE ABANDONMENT IF SUPPORTER NOT REMOVED INFORM SITE MANAGER REPORT TO FA
Using Discriminatory language	RED CARD (IF HEARD) IF NOT REPORT TO TEAM OFFICIALS AND FA INFORM SITE MANAGER	RED CARD (IF HEARD) IF NOT REPORT TO TEAM OFFICIALS AND FA INFORM SITE MANAGER USE SAFEGUARDING GUIDELINES	IF HEARD ASK MANAGERS FOR SPECTATOR TO BE REMOVED AND REPORT TO FA IF NOT HEARD INFORM TEAM OFFICIALS AND REPORT TO FA AND SITE MANAGER
Physical abuse	RED CARD ABANDON GAME CALL POLICE REPORT TO FA INFORM SITE MANAGER	RED CARD ABANDON GAME CALL POLICE REPORT TO FA INFORM SITE MANAGER	ABANDON GAME CALL POLICE REPORT TO FA INFORM SITE MANAGER





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MARKING REFEREES

Please award marks out of 100 for your Referee

If you have any complaints about the performance of a Referee or any incidents occurring involving your Referee or you score your Referee 60 points or below, your Club Secretary must send a report to the League Secretary, copied to the Referees Secretary, within 2 days of the Competition Match (excluding Sunday), in order for the matter to be investigated. You can also add notes into the Box provided to log the incident with Full Time

A FULL GUIDE TO MARKING REFEREES CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE





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MANAGERS REFEREE REMARKS

“In my opinion ther were a lot of fouls that were not given, and some of these foul led directly to goals. Also we should have a goal that wasn't given.”





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MANAGERS REFEREE REMARKS

“Very poor and some silly decisions that aren’t part of the game.”

OPPOSITION MANAGERS REFEREE REMARKS

“Very good referee !.”





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MANAGERS REFEREE REMARKS

“Poor.”





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HELP US HELP YOU

ALL COMMENTS ARE READ AND ACTED UPON

CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS MEAN THAT WE CAN
EXPLAIN TO THE REFEREE WHAT THEY COULD DO
BETTER.

OPINION IS JUST OPINION . . .





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2023 saw the introduction of the Referee Recognition Awards Ceremony at The FA HQ at Wembley Stadium, We are honoured and proud to not just be nominated for this prestigious award but to be the first league in the UK to receive the award for “Positive Environment” for Referees. As the only league in Nottinghamshire to be nominated and the first league nationally to receive the award, it’s clear that what we are doing is moving grassroots refereeing in the right direction here at KickStart YFL





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LEAGUE OF THE YEAR
Kickstart Youth Football League

2024/25 We were awarded the **LEAGUE OF THE YEAR AWARD**
We are excited to be invited to the awards ceremony later this
Year to collect our award.





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PLAYER REGISTRATION CARDS

- Player registrations will once again be £3 per player payable tonight or at the 1st game of the season.
- Player cards are produced for every player registered to your team. These player cards must be produced at every game and given to the opposing manager to check that all of your players on the field are registered before KO.
- **NO CARD - NO PLAY – NO EXCEPTIONS**
- Players must be registered by 9pm Thursday night for their card to be ready for collection Sunday morning at Kickstart reception on site along with £3 Payment





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VERY IMPORTANT

**PLAYER TRANSFERS
NOTICE OF APPROACH
WHEN BOTH TEAMS AGREE
WHEN THE HOLDING TEAM DOES
NOT AGREE**





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DE REGISTERING

HOW TO DE-REGISTER A PLAYER

To de-register a player, all you need to do is return the players registration ID card to your Football Reception or to the League Secretary/Registrar direct, then using “Club Portal” System team administrators must go in to the players record and select “CANCEL REGISTRATION” thus the player(s) will be removed from your team. There is no charge for this process.

Following the above, the league will cancel the registration of the player(s) to enable the Secretary/Player Registration Officer for the club to detach the player where required using the Player Registration system. Details on the above can be found on the KickStart website at www.kickstartfootball.co.uk under ‘Documents & Forms’ Then under the ‘Documents’ heading.





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FULL TIME REGISTRATION

- 1 Ensure Secretaries add you into the club portal
- 2 You will receive an email from FA FULL TIME to verify your account
- **YOU MUST VERIFY YOUR EMAIL TO PLAY IN THE LEAGUE**
- Your details are stored at www.thefa.com
- **ANY CHANGES TO YOUR DETAILS MUST BE DONE HERE BY YOU**
- We cannot change your email address or phone number for you any more
- Both Managers and Assistants will need to register and verify in case the manager is not available for certain games, the assistant will have the ability to submit the required data.
- **Any problems please call Anne on 07889 046460**





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FULL TIME SYSTEM

- Everything will now need to be input by the manager on Full Time
- Referees scores for their performance during your game
- Opposition respect scores
- Marking which players attended and started the game and who was sub
- Who scored the goals from your team
- Who were your players of the match should you wish to select any
- Final scores using your team code (text message)
- This needs to be completed for every game by every team by Monday evening 7pm – FINES WILL BE ISSUED FOR ANYONE NOT COMPLYING
- You will also receive any notifications regarding fixtures that affect you as soon as we are notified i.e. a change of referee, change of kick off etc.





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MATCH FEES

- **U7 & U8 - £26.00 per game**
 - £3.25 per player based on 8 players (3 subs)
- **U9 & U10 - £35.00 Per Game**
 - £3.50 per player based on 10 players (3 subs)
- **U11 & U12 - £45.00 Per Game**
 - £3.50 per player based on 13 players (4 subs)





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BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

REASONS FOR CANCELLATION

WATERLOGGED PITCH

FROZEN PITCH

SNOW COVERED PITCH

FOG

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

SITE CLOSURE





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BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

PROCEDURE

8:30AM SITE INSPECTION

**9:00AM ANNOUNCEMENT VIA
DISCORD / FACEBOOK / WEBSITE
FULL TIME / EMAIL**





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CANCELLING YOUR FIXTURE

**FULL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE
UNDER DOCUMENTS AND FORMS**

PLEASE CHECK THIS OUT





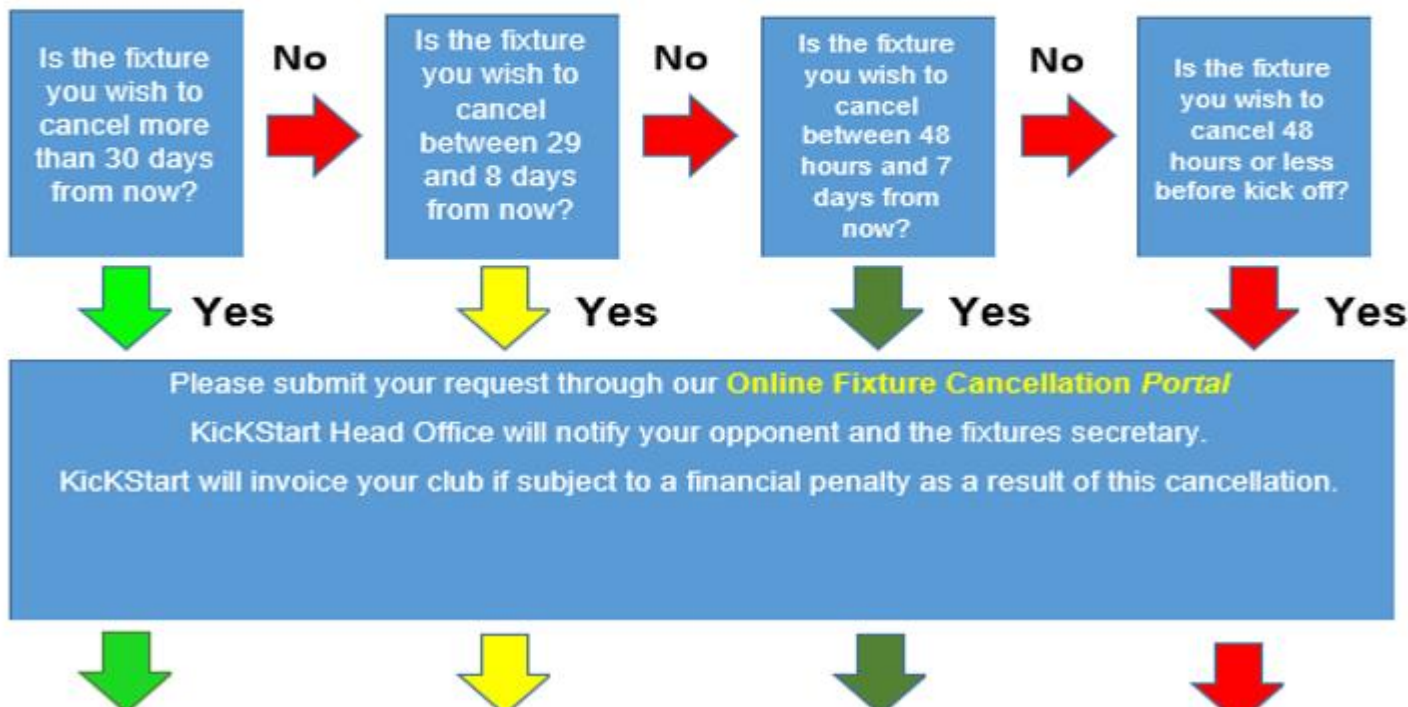
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Cancelling/Postponing a Match

The League understands that sometimes this can be unavoidable, but if the matter arises please follow the procedure below: -

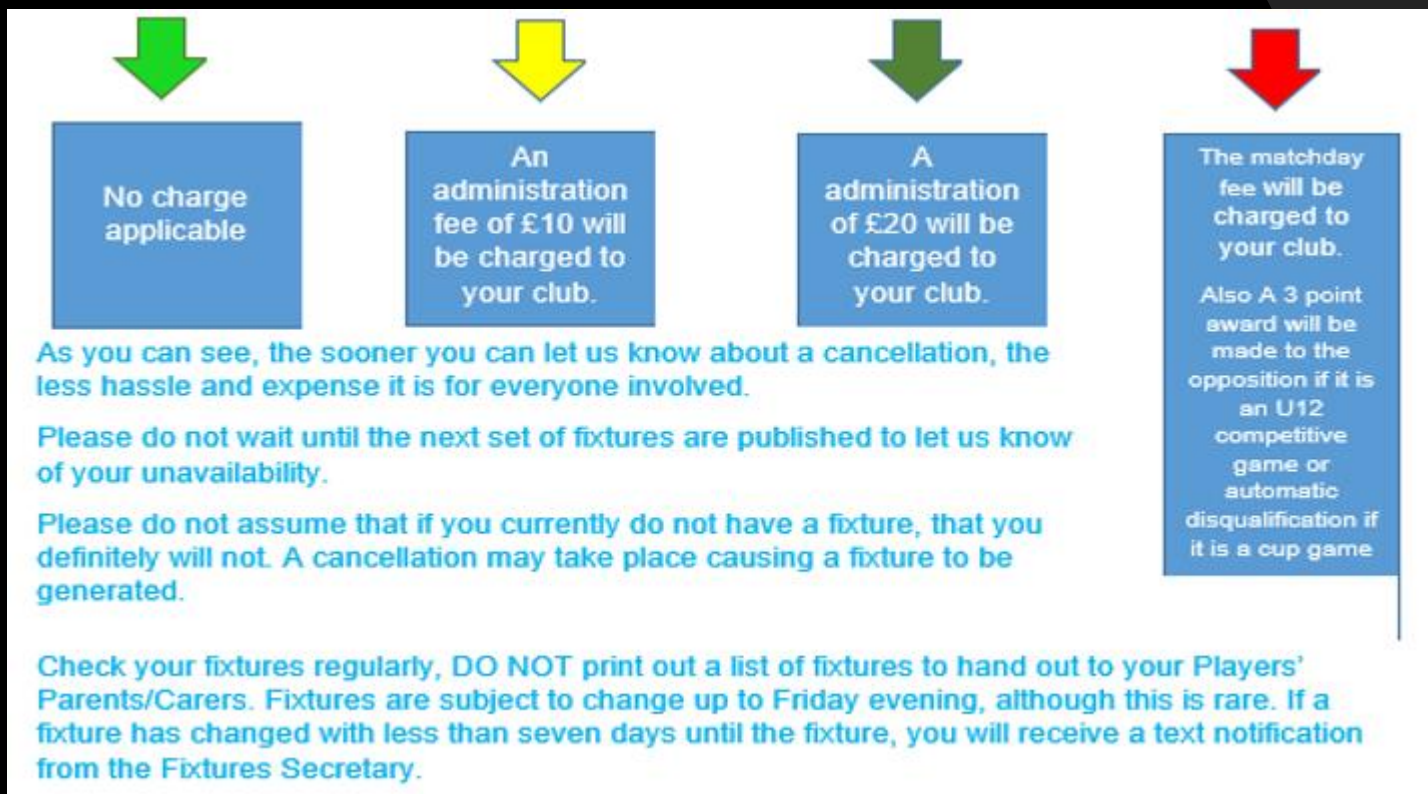




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WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT ?

GUARANTEED REFEREES ✓

ALLOCATED PITCHES ✓

PITCH SET UP / BREAKDOWN ✓

ON SITE MANAGEMENT TEAMS ✓

HOT AND COLD FOOD & DRINKS ✓

REGULAR MAINTAINED TOILET FACILITIES ✓

COMPETITIVE POINTS FOOTBALL LEAGUES ✓





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COMPLAINTS OR QUERIES TEAM MANAGERS / COACHES / SPECTATORS

If you have cause to complain about the behaviour of Team Managers, Coaches or Spectators, ensure you score the relevant members accordingly on the Full Time system and advise your Club Secretary to send a report to the League Secretary.

This report must be sent in writing (by letter or email) within 2 days of the match (excluding Sundays), in order for the matter to be investigated.





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If you have any complaints about the performance of a Referee or any incidents occurring involving your Referee, please **DO NOT** address this directly with him/her on the match day.

Ensure you score your Referee 60 points or below on the Full Time system and advise your Club Secretary to send a report to the League Secretary, copied to the Referees Secretary. This report must be sent in writing by email within 2 days of the match (excluding Sundays), in order for the matter to be investigated.





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COMPLAINTS OR QUERIES RESPECT

If you have any complaints regarding non-adherence to the 'Respect' programme, a report must be submitted in writing detailing which parts of the 'Respect' programme you consider have been breached.

This report must be sent from your Club Secretary in writing (by email) within 2 days of the match (excluding Sundays), in order for the matter to be investigated.

Please note that if the complaint involves a child welfare issue, this must be reported to your Club's Child Welfare Officer who will liaise with the League's Welfare Officer.



Law Updates 2024/25

Heading Guidance

2024/25

- Deliberate heading the ball is an offence punishable by an indirect free kick
- The indirect free kick is taken at the point where the ball was deliberately headed, except:
 - Where a player deliberately heads the ball within their own penalty area, the referee will stop the game and restart with an indirect free kick to the opposition from the nearest side line of the penalty area where the offence took place.
- No disciplinary sanction; except for persistent infringement

U7's –
U10's



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**

Touchline Restart Guidance

U7's –
U10's

Touchline Restart:

- When the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, on the ground or in the air, instead of a throw-in, a pass-in or dribble-in is awarded.
- A kicker taking a pass-in may choose to touch the ball again before it is touched by another player

At the moment of delivering the ball:

- The ball must be stationary on the touchline at the point where it left the pitch; only the kicker may be off the pitch.
- All opponents must stand at least 5 yards from the point on the touchline where the pass-in or dribble-in is to be taken.
- A goal cannot be scored directly from a pass-in.
- The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves.



Temporary Dismissals – Sin Bin

What is dissent?

‘DISSENT BY WORD OR ACTION’

- Covered under Law 12 and is in the opinion of the referee.
- A player is cautioned if guilty of dissent by word or action.
- Kicking the ball away could be either dissent or delaying the restart of play depending on context.
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures is not dissent!

Temporary Dismissals – Sin Bin

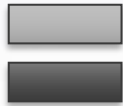
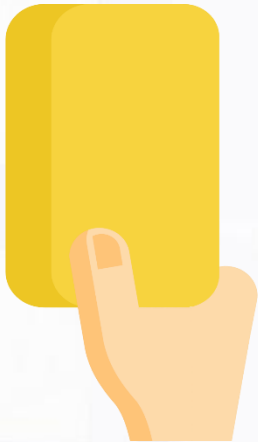
What is dissent?

‘Sin Bins

- Encourage use Sin Bin protocol to improve player behaviour
- Show the yellow card and show the direction to the technical area
- Times: 10mins (90minute game) 8mins everything under 90mins
- Second yellow card = send off
- Submission of the card via WGS as per regular cautions/send offs

Temporary Dismissals – Sin Bin

The process

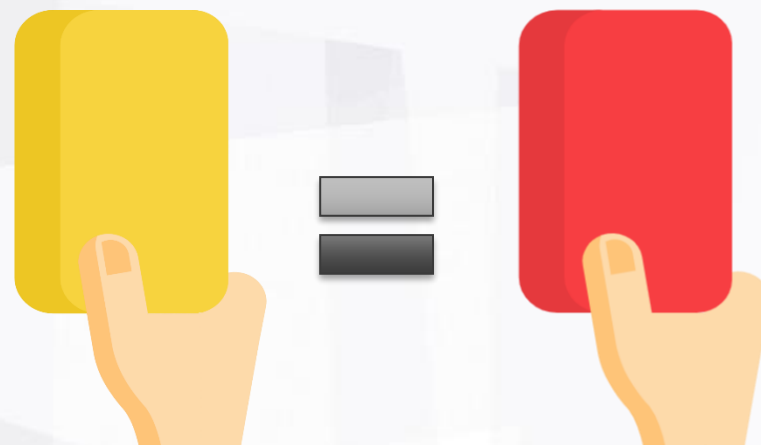


**10mins
or
8mins**

Temporary Dismissals – Sin Bin

The process

If the same player commits another:



Note: The Sin Bin is only applied on the 1st yellow card, the second yellow card = dismissal



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POINTS OF REFERENCE

Age Group	Ball Size	Half Duration	Maximum Format	Minimum Number of Players	Maximum Number of Substitutes	Rolling Substitutes Allowed
U7	3	20	5v5	4	5	Yes
U8	3	20	5v5	4	5	Yes
U9	3	25	7v7	5	7	Yes
U10	3	25	7v7	5	7	Yes
U11	4	30	9v9	6	7	Yes
U12	4	30	9v9	6	7	Yes





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