

Northumberland Football League

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League Regulations

(Proposed changes to cover
Youth/Girls/Mini soccer)

Amended June 2020

The League is called The Northumberland Youth Football League. There may be age groups ranging from U11 to U17. The League welcomes all operating in the remit of service and willing to adopt the rules, regulations, baseline standards and other regulations imposed by the league.

REGISTRATIONS

- 1, (A) Clubs must complete the registration of players before the League commences. Such registrations must be completed on the Whole Game System before the player can take part in League games.

(To be read in conjunction with SCORY – Rule 18)

Teams may register a maximum squad of up to:

Under 11s a maximum of 18 players per team

Under 12s a maximum of 18 players per team

Under 13s a maximum of 22 players per team

Under 14s a maximum of 22 players per team

Under 15s a maximum of 22 players per team

Under 16s a maximum of 22 players per team

Under 17s a maximum of 22 players per team

Teams maximum match day squads:

Under 11s a maximum of 14 players per team

Under 12s a maximum of 14 players per team

Under 13s a maximum of 18 players per team

Under 14s a maximum of 18 players per team

Under 15s a maximum of 18 players per team

Under 16s a maximum of 18 players per team

Under 17s a maximum of 18 players per team

- (B) Clubs must not hold trials until after the 31st May each year except in the under 7 age group for the following season.

(i) After the first Saturday in September, adverts for players **MUST** contain the words:-

“Must not be registered with any other Northumberland Football League team”

- (C) It shall be the duty of Officials of Clubs, or others deputised by them, when first approaching a player with a view to registering him/her to first ascertain whether the player is already registered with another Club in the League.

- (D) If a 7 (seven) day approach has been waived by the approached club, the transfer process can be started straight away.

(i) If the approach was waived by the approached club, the approaching club may then give another 7 (seven) day approach for another player from the same team.

- (E) If a 7 (seven) day approach has not been waived by the approaching club, the transfer process cannot be started until the full 7 (seven) days has elapsed.

(i) If the approach was not waived by the approached club, the approaching club must wait a full 28 days before they can approach another player from the same team.

- (F) N/A

- (G) All illegal approaches can only be dealt with by the County FA.

(i) If found guilty the Management Committee may make an order that the player approached cannot register with the offending Club for the current season.

- (H) Any club found to have registered a player that was already registered to another club within the league, shall be dealt with as the Management Committee deems necessary.

- (I) Any players who are registered to a team who are withdrawn from the League are automatically de-registered and are free to join another team.

(i) If the player has played in a league Cup/Shield/Trophy fixture they will still be cup tied.

- (J) Clubs wanting to detach a player must do so through the league office via email. (Club Secretary only)

(i) ~~Detachments~~ **Player cancellations** can only be submitted between 1st October & 1st March.

(ii) **An admin fee of £10 will be payable for all player cancellations.** ~~Players who have been detached from a club, can only be registered to a new club 10 days after being officially detached from their former club.~~

- (K) Any proposed new Clubs found guilty to be approaching any existing member Clubs players may have its application to join the League cancelled.

(L) Before a transfer can commence, the player's current club must confirm to the league that all liabilities have been met.

(i) All Club/Team equipment returned.

(ii) Any outstanding Club subscriptions paid. (Maximum of 3 months)

FIXTURES

2, **(A)** The **HOME** team must contact the away team no less than 4 days prior to the fixture to confirm the following. *(To be read in conjunction with SCORY – Rule 20)*

a, Kick-off time

b, Venue address

c, Strip colour

(C) If the home team fail to contact the away team 2 days prior to the fixture, the **AWAY** team must make contact with the home team and report the matter to the league office.

(D) If the pitch of the home team is not available for any reason, the match **MUST** be reversed to the away ground of the opposition.

(i) If the home pitch becomes unavailable on the day of the match for any reason, the fixture must be reversed to the away teams pitch if within 30 minutes travel time from the home teams pitch (via Google Maps)

(E) Teams **CANNOT** mutually agree to postpone a game; teams who mutually agree to postpone a game may have the league rule implemented in accordance with the Fines Tariff

(F) Teams may mutually agree to move a fixture forward, but they must **NOT** mutually agree to move the fixture to a later date of the set fixture date. *(League must be informed and agree to bring a fixture forward)*

(G) Teams cannot refuse to play on a FA/FIFA accredited 3G/4G pitch

(H) As with the fixture lists, any matches re-arranged with 5 days notice by the League and notified to the clubs concerned will be confirmation of such fixtures.

(I) The league has set kick off times for all age groups for Sundays and midweek

(i) Teams may agree between themselves to kick off at a different time to the default time.

(ii) If teams cannot agree a time to kick off, then teams must kick off on the default time

(iii) If the home teams pitch is unavailable at the default kick off time, the game must be reversed to the away teams pitch and kick off on the default time.

(iv) The default times of kick-off **(SUNDAY)**

AGE GROUP	TIME
U7s	SET TIME
U8s	SET TIME
U9 Sat	SET TIME
U10 Sat	SET TIME
U9 Sun	10.00am
U10s Sun	11.30am
U11s	10.00am
U12s	11.30am
U13s	10.30am
U14s	12.30pm
U15s	10.30am
U16s	12.00pm
U17s	13.30pm
U18s	13.30pm

(v) The default times of kick-off **(MID-WEEK)**

AGE GROUP	DAY	TIME
U11s	Tuesday	18.15pm
U11s Sat		18.15pm

U12s	Wednesday	18.15pm
U12s Sat		18.15pm
U13s	Tuesday	18.15pm
U13s Sat		18.15pm
U14s	Wednesday	18.15pm
U14s Sat		18.15pm
U15s	Thursday	18.15pm
U15s Sat		18.15pm
U16s	Tuesday	18.15pm
U16s Sat		18.15pm
U17s	Wednesday	18.15pm
U17s Sat		18.15pm
U18s	Wednesday	18.15pm
U19s		18.15pm

(vi) Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may have the league rule implemented in accordance with the Fines Tariff or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine. (Subject to 20A)

(J) Match duration for each age group is as follows.

Under 11 All matches to be 2 x 30 minute halves

Under 12 All matches to be 2 x 30 minute halves

Under 13 All matches to be 2 x 35 minute halves

Under 14 All matches to be 2 x 35 minute halves

Under 15 All matches to be 2 x 40 minute halves

Under 16 All matches to be 2 x 40 minute halves

Under 17 All matches to be 2 x 45 minute halves

(K) If a team has failed to show at the agreed kick-off time, the non-defaulting team should wait 15 minutes after the arranged kick-off time before leaving the venue.

(i) Before leaving the venue the non-defaulting team should attempt to contact the opposition team's manager/coach.

(ii) A full account of the incident should be given to your Club Secretary, to forward to the League Secretary.

(L) *A teams home ground/pitch must be within 3 miles of the clubs registered address*

DISPENSATIONS

3, (A) Any Team wishing to cancel a fixture shall, not less than 10 days prior to the fixture request permission from the Management Committee for a dispensation. This should be done in writing by your Club Secretary to the League Secretary. Teams are only allowed to put in a maximum of 2 requests (*Games*) per season.

(i) Teams must request dispensation on dates where they may have no fixtures, as fixtures can be added with 5 clear days notice.

(ii) In the event the fixture is un-played, the matter will be referred to the Management Committee.

(B) Any Team requesting to cancel a fixture due to County or Divisional Competition matches **MUST** give the league 7 (seven) clear days notice.

REFEREES

4, (A) Teams must appoint a fully qualified & affiliated neutral Referee for all Competition matches in the Northumberland Youth Football League. (*To be read in conjunction with SCORY – Rule 23*)

(B) Where a referee believes that there is a material interest conflicting their obligations as a match official, he or she shall decline to act or officiate and declare it to the appointing authority.

(C) Any complaints pertaining to qualified referees must be addressed to the Northumberland FA/Durham FA, not the League.

REFEREE FEES	
AGE GROUP	FEE
Central Venues	SET FEE
U9s-U10s	£10.00
U11s - U12s	£15.00
U13s - U16s	£20.00
U17s	£25.00

MATCH RESULT FORM (TEAMSHEET)

5, (A) The home team must provide the away team with their side of the Match Result Form fully completed prior to the match starting.

(B) Match Result Form must be **FULLY** completed and signed by the Managers of **BOTH** teams and countersigned by the Referee.

(C) The **HOME** team must return the fully completed Match Result Form within 3 day of the fixture via E-mail only (E-mail address is on the bottom of team sheet).

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

GOAL SIZES

- 6, The following age groups **MUST** use the following goal sizes

AGE GROUP	GOAL SIZE
U11s – U12s	16 X 7
U13s – U14s	21 X 7
U15s – U17s	24 X 8

SAFEGUARDING

- 7, **(A)** The Northumberland Youth Football Leagues will accept concerns regarding “safeguarding issues” without an official protest form. However, please be aware that this is not to be abused and understand that we must at all-time act within the law. We advise contacting the NSPCC and/or the police if you believe a child or young person has been or is at risk of abuse due to the behaviour of an adult.
- (B)** Officials, players, spectators and supporters of the Clubs participating in this Competition (whether parents, relatives or friends), shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting the Football Association and supervision of the children under their control, without prejudice to race, colour or creed and in keeping with a moral code of conduct as set out in these Rules & Regulations when dealing with children using tolerance, restraint and understanding at all times and act with responsibility and consideration suitable to the age group of the player.

MATCH DAY

All teams must have in place:

- 8, **(A)** A technical area for each team set up on one side of the pitch (*As per FA Regulations*)
- (i)** Three coaches maximum
 - (B)** All spectators must be on the opposite side of the pitch from the coach’s technical area
 - (i)** Behind a respect line that is a minimum two metres from the side of the pitch.
 - (C)** Coaches from both teams must have access to a copy of the league rules: digital or paper.
 - (D)** The **HOME** team must provide the appropriate Match Result Form (Team Sheet)
 - (E)** Both teams **MUST** have a first aid kit with them at the side of the pitch.
 - (F)** The **HOME** team to provide two **MATCH** balls for every home game.
 - (G)** As per the Laws of the Game, all competition matches permit return substitutions.
 - (H)** Both teams **MUST** exchange a hard copy **or electronic copy** of their squad list with their opposition for inspection prior to the start of each competition match.
 - ~~**(i)** In the event of a team failing or refusing to produce a hard copy of their squad list, the game **MUST** not be played and the matter to be reported in writing to the League Secretary.~~
 - (ii)** *In the event of a team failing or refusing to exchange a squad list, this must be noted on the match return form/matchday app and the game played.*
 - (iii)** The League Secretary will issue a charge of non-fulfilment against the offending team(s).

TEAM COACHES/MANAGERS

- 9, **(A)** Every team playing in the Northumberland Youth Football Leagues must have a minimum one (1) qualified FA Level 1 coach in attendance at all league and cup games.
- (i)** Must hold a current CRC
 - (ii)** An up to date First Aid certificate
 - (iii)** An up to date Safeguarding certificate
- (B)** Any person assisting a coach with a team on a match day **MUST** hold a minimum of a current CRC.
- (C)** All managers and coaches operating within the Northumberland Football League must have an ID card which is provided by the league at a cost of £2.00.
(Cost of first I.D. Card to be waived by the league for the 2020-21 season)
- (i)** Replacement I.D. Cards will cost £2.00 each. This must be paid prior or on collection.
- (D)** Clubs must provide the following information of each of their team’s coaches to the league prior to the start of the season.
- (i)** Full Name
 - (ii)** FA FAN number

(iii) Passport Quality Photo

(E) All coaches **MUST** have on show their league I.D. badge during League Competition Matches

(F) *All coaches/managers must wear club attire/clothing at all times during a game*

LEAGUE HEARINGS

- 10, (A)** In the event of a league hearing, the hearing will be recorded using an appropriate recording device for the protection of both league officials and any other party. *(over 18s only)*
- (B)** Prior to the meeting starting all present will be made aware that the hearing will be recorded.

LEAGUE CONTACT HOURS

- 11,** Telephone calls to any League Officer must be made between the hours of;
- (i)** Monday - Fridays – 9.00am till 19.00pm.
 - (ii)** Saturday - Sunday - 8.00am till 16.00pm.

SOCIAL FUND

- 12,** Northumberland Youth Football League operates a social fund for players and their family's during times of serve hardship due to bereavement, illness or injury. The league requests an additional £10.00 donation with each transfer application.
- (i)** Clubs can choose to opt out at the beginning of each season when entering their club into the league, via the league application form.

LEAGUE CORRESPONDENCE

- 13, (A)** All league correspondence to be answered within 3 working days, with exception of charges which are as per SCORY
- (B)** All league fines MUST be paid within 14 days of the fine being issued.
- (i)** Failure to lay the fine within the 14 days may result in ALL the clubs fixtures being removed.
 - (ii)** Any fixture being removed may result in the match being awarded to the opposition.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 14,** In the event of inclement weather, the League Management Committee may decide to implement the following rules.
- (i)** Kick-off default times will be suspended for any game that is arranged to be played on a 3g surface.
 - (ii)** Teams travelling 30 minutes or less to a match must play between 9.30am and 16.00pm
 - (iii)** Teams travelling more than 30 minutes to a match must play between 10.00am and 16.00pm.
 - (iv)** Cup matches MUST be given priority when pitches are limited.

NEW CLUBS

- 15,** All new clubs that have been successfully elected to join the league, will spend its first 12 (Twelve) months in a probationary period.
- (i)** At the end of the 12 month probationary period, each club will be reviewed by the Management Committee.

All correspondence must be sent to ~~secretary@pprfl.co.uk~~

secretary@nfleague.co.uk or posted to Northumberland Youth Football

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Please remember: The Domestic Rules are voted on by you, the Member Clubs of this League. They are therefore your Rules. The Committee merely enforces them.

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League Trophy Events

The Northumberland Youth Football Leagues Trophy Events

(To be read in Conjunction with the League Rules)

- 1, The Management Committee will make the decision on which competition each team enters every year in conjunction with the league in which they play.
example: leagues 1,2,3 Cup – 4,5,6 Shield – 7,8,9 Trophy

DURATION OF GAMES

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Under 14 All matches to be 2 x 35 minute halves
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EXTRA TIME/PENALTIES

- 3, (A) Games that are tied after full time will go to ~~extra time~~ *penalties*
 - (i) U11s, U12s & U13s will play 5 minutes each way
 - (ii) U14s, U15s & U16s will play 10 minutes each way
 - (iii) U17s will play 15 minutes each way~~(B) If after extra time the scores are still level the match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out.~~
 - (i) Both teams will take 5 penalties (3 at mini soccer), each penalty to be taken by a different player.

(C) In the event of the scores still being level, teams will take alternate penalties until a result is obtained after an equal number of penalties.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 4, (A) No player can play for more than one team in the competition in the same season
 - (i) This includes a player who has been named on a team sheet is Cup Tied and not eligible to play.

(B) A newly registered player must have been eligible to have played in 4(four) competitive games prior to a semi-final, to be eligible to play in a semi-final.

(C) Only players eligible to play in the Semi-Finals shall be eligible to play in the Final.

(D) Any team fielding a cup tied/unregistered or ineligible player will appear before the Management committee who will decide on a punishment which may include disqualification from the cup competition.

(E) *Players are only permitted to play in one league trophy event per season*

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