

WARRINGTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE BYELAWS 2016-17

In addition to the FA Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions, the following apply to the Warrington Junior Football League.

NAME AND CONSTITUTION

2. (B) Clubs who have accepted membership of this competition may not be members of any other League normally playing on the same day of the week nor may they enter (with exception of their own County FA Competitions) any cup competition without the consent of the Management Committee of this League.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

4. (F) All correspondence must be dated and where relating to a match must include the date of the match, the opposition, the venue, the age and division.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5. (M) A club failing to be represented at a meeting may be fined as per Schedule of Fines. Failing to be represented at 3 consecutive meetings without satisfactory reasons being given shall be further dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.
 - (N) Not less than 7 days notice shall be given of any meeting.
 - (O) A club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee within 21 days of receipt of notice of such order or within 21 days of an operative date specified in that order, shall not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the League until the order has been complied with and a reason for the delay has been furnished to the Secretary who shall submit it to the Management Committee for their adjudication.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8. (F) (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of the FA Standard Rule the following shall also apply. Where a player from Club A wishes to transfer to Club B it is the onus of Club B to also inform the secretary of Club A before submitting a transfer form to the Registration Secretary. Any club failing to comply with this rule will be fined an amount as set out in the Schedule of Fines.

Should a player from Club A be proven to have trained with Club B before a transfer has been granted by the Management Committee, then Club B may be considered under the provisions of FA Standard Rule 17 (C) and/or league specific rule 17 (E).

Clubs are reminded that any player not registered with the club may not be covered under insurance provisions.

- (I) In addition, a player may not be transferred before 14th October except by special permission of the Management Committee.
- (L) In addition, a player shall play for his Club in only one division of this League. Under 7/8/9/10s can only play in the small sided games.
- (O) Any bona-fide members of a Club shall be eligible to play for that Club in the League (subject to other relevant clauses in these Rules). Players should not, in the current season, have played another Club in the League, or previously signed for, or been

registered for another Club in the League. If he has so played or remains on the League Register of Players, permission for his transfer must be obtained from the Club to which he is attached.

- (P) All players must be vouched for and ages, verified by the Team Manager and Secretary of the Club, stated on the Registration Form.
- (Q) All players to be recorded by having an identity card with photograph and the division in which the player is participating written on which must be offered prior to kick off for inspection at every match. Failure to produce ID cards at a game will incur a fine as set in Schedule of Fines or be dealt with further at the discretion of the Management Committee. Managers must sign the ID section of the team card to prove they were presented.
- (R) A player's registration may be suspended or withdrawn if his Parents/Relatives behave on the touchline in a manner the Management Committee considers bring the League into disrepute.
- (S) Any new player and must provide either a copy of their Birth Certificate (or a written statement by parents) proving the date of birth the details of these to be kept by the Registration Secretary, (this proof will only be needed once by the League).
- (T) A player may be de-registered by writing to the appropriate Registration Secretary and including the players ID card if appropriate. All de-registrations will be recorded in the Minutes of the League. The registration of any player de-registered by a club will be held by the Management Committee. Any club wishing to register a previously deregistered player must make a request in writing to the Registration Secretary who will consider transferring the player. Any transfer so granted will incur a transfer fee as set out in the Schedule of Fines.
- (U) At the beginning of each season, each team must register sufficient players to enable the team to fulfil its fixture requirements. For the purposes of this rule, the minimum number of players is defined in Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions – Rule 8(B)(iv). The club of any team failing to register the minimum number of players one week prior to the beginning of the season will be liable to a fine as determined by the Management Committee.

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

10. (B) All Under 7, Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 matches must be played on a Saturday unless instructed by the Fixture Secretary or by mutual agreement between the two teams and the Fixture Secretary. Matches must kick off between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. unless mutually agreed otherwise.

All Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 and Under 18 matches must be played on a Sunday unless instructed by the Fixture Secretary or by mutual agreement between the two teams and the Fixture Secretary. Matches must kick off between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. unless mutually agreed otherwise.

In both cases, the home team are responsible for the choice of kick off time.

Mid week matches should kick off at 6:30 p.m. If a mutually agreed kick off time can not be agreed then the Fixture Secretary will declare the kick off time.

- (E) (ii) In terms of the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions Rule 10.(E)(ii) – the definition of postponement is considered to be when a match cannot be played on the day due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. frozen pitch.
- (E) (ii) In cup competitions, if a match is not played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control on more than one occasion, the Management Committee of the league shall have discretion to order the match to be played on a named date and at the venue of the away team, or at a neutral venue.
- (I) The Fixture Secretary shall have the power to fill any vacant date and re-arrange any vacant date and re-arrange any games (see clause (K)). Any Club failing to comply with this rule will be dealt with by the Management Committee who will inflict a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines and deduct the points. Points deducted will be awarded to the opponents. In cases where a fixture is not played, both Clubs must submit in writing why the game has not been played, unless this is due to weather conditions (e.g. closed pitches, frozen pitches etc.). This must be within three days of the date of the fixture. Failure to do so will incur a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines. This fine will be in addition to any fine imposed for not playing the fixture. In cases where the Management Committee is satisfied that both Clubs have "agreed" not to play the fixture then both teams will be considered to have been guilty of misconduct or conduct likely to bring the game into disrepute. In such cases in addition to the provisions of rule 17(E), the fixture will be deemed void.
- (I) Each club is responsible for ensuring games are played as directed by the Fixture Secretary and they are responsible for ensuring that they know the venue, time of kick off, and colour of opponents. Any dispute shall be dealt with by the Management Committee. Club Secretaries must contact the Fixture Secretary by Monday evening prior to any vacant fixture dates to ensure no games have been arranged.
- (J) Clubs wishing to postpone a game due to school activities [Rule 8.(N)(i)] must have the request along with the proof of activity with the League Secretary before the fixture date.
- (K) In order to request a postponement due to school activities the minimum number of players taking part in these activities is 2.

REFEREES

- 13. (L) In the event of the non-appearance and the teams clubs failing to agree on the substitute referee, the choice of the substitute referee shall be decided by the toss of a coin. This procedure shall also apply when a referee as to leave the field due to injury or other inevitable cause. A referee thus mutually appointed must officiate for the whole game subject to injury etc.
- (M) The referee shall complete the match card giving the result of the match and sign the match card.
- (N) The referee's fee shall be split between both teams. The home team is responsible for arranging payment to the referee.

BOARD OF APPEAL

16. A copy of any appeal must be sent Secretary and the operation of the decision made by the Management Committee will not be suspended pending the result of the appeal unless the Board of Appeal or the Council of the Football Association, through its officers, order such suspension.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

17. (E) Any Club Official(s), Player(s), Spectator(s) is/are found by the Management Committee to be guilty of misconduct or of conduct which is likely to bring the game into disrepute, the following penalties shall be imposed on the Club. A fine not exceeding that set out in the Schedule of Fines and/or expulsion from the Competition where the conduct relates to a Cup match and/or deduction of points where the conduct relates to a League match and/or expulsion from the League.

SPECIFIC RULES

23. The Management Committee may arrange three functions/projects to safeguard the Leagues finances, subject to the majority League agreement. Furthermore, each team shall be liable for the cost of two tickets for each of the aforementioned functions.
24. Each Club will be provided with one handbook.
25. The Management Committee may select players to play in the League Representative games and have first claim on their services of the players chosen on the dates of those games. Any Club refusing to release a player chosen for a Representative game shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee. A team, in the same age group as the League Representative side and supplying players to that Representative side, may apply to the Management Committee to postpone their fixture in the event of the Representative game being played on the same day as their fixture. Any player selected for the Inter League squads is expected to train with them or risk expulsion from the team.
26. The Management Committee is empowered to call upon any member Club for the use of their ground. Subject to the payment of all reasonable expenses.
28. When possible a Registered Referee or a member of the Management Committee must be called upon, to examine the condition of the pitch should there be any doubt. Any Club failing to comply with this order will be dealt with under Rule 10(d).
29. Clubs intending to go on tour or play in another competition must notify the Management Committee at least 6 weeks before the date. The Management Committee reserve the right to withhold permission where the tour / competition falls within the league season.
30. (A) Pitches must be "roped off" with the "ropes" being at least one metre behind the touchline and extending the whole length of the pitch. Any game played without the pitch being "roped off" will result in the home team incurring a fine as set out in the Schedule of Fines.
30. (B) One club official and the appointed assistant referee are allowed within the "roped off" area. All substitutes must be outside of the "roped off" area until a substitution is being made. All spectators must remain behind the "roped off" area. In cases where

more than the allowed people are within the "roped off" area, a fine will be imposed on the offending team as set out in the Schedule of Fines.

30. (C) Where a spectator or club official (other than those allowed by clause (B)) encroach on to the pitch, then the club will be considered to have been guilty of misconduct or of conduct likely to bring the game into disrepute and will be considered under the provision of rule 17(E).

31. The Management Committee require that in all matches both clubs provide a mark out of ten for the following:

- Spectator behaviour.
- Club Official behaviour.
- Player behaviour.

The means of providing the marks will be as advised by the Management Committee.

32. Member Clubs must provide the necessary information for inclusion in the League handbook. This information is to be provided in the format advised by the Management Committee. Any Member Club failing to provide the information by 31st July will be fined an amount as set out in the Schedule of Fines and / or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee. The information to be provided will include:

- Member Club secretary details (name, address, email, phone numbers).
- Member Club Charter Standard status.
- At least one manager name and telephone number for each team within a Member Club.

Suggest remove these as they are now covered in the standard code of rules.

4. (G) Only Club Secretaries shall be empowered to conduct any correspondence with the League. Any correspondence should be on recognisable letter headed paper. Acceptable means of sending correspondence to the Secretary are via land mail and as e-mail attachments. Clubs may conduct correspondence by e-mail but this should state which Club is sending the e-mail, the name of the Club Secretary and the date the e-mail is sent within the text and not rely on the e-mail address or the time sent facility. Any correspondence by e-mail should be limited to matters not requiring consideration by the Management Committee. Requests for postponements, incident reports, etc. should be by letter. However, it is acceptable to inform the Management Committee by e-mail and follow up with a letter. The Management Committee is not responsible for ensuring that any correspondence is received especially with regard to time durations within rule 15. Clubs should consider sending any such letter by recorded delivery or contacting the Secretary to ensure that the correspondence has been received.

- 8 (L) A player can play one year above his age group with permission of League Management Committee and in accordance with FA Rules.

8. (M) (i) In addition, points may be deducted for this offence.
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27. The maximum number of players to be registered with a team shall be 18 for Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 11-a-side teams and 22 for Under 17 and Under 18 11-a-side teams.