

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SUNDAY JUNIORS LEAGUE
MEMBER CLUBS RULES

SEASON 2024/2025

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

MR 1

Applications, for the following season, by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of any additional team(s) must be submitted using the League Administration System, before the end of May.

The League Committee will however allow late entries into the competition where it is:

- a) No disadvantage to the competition.
- b) Not later than July 1st in any competition year.

The completed application must include all mandatory information required and teams details by age group plus the electronic signature and acceptance of the relevant league agreements.

If a Member Club wishes to have an additional team to those currently in this Competition, details of such team to be stated. There is no automatic entry to this Competition.

MR 2

In the event of any team withdrawing from the league or refusing to fulfil its fixtures and engagements for the season, the deposit shall be forfeited to the competition and in addition they will be fined £50.00.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

MR 3

Any Club Official failing to attend a Committee Meeting when summoned shall be fined a maximum of £25. It is the Club's responsibility to pay this fine.

MR 4

Any matter arising that is not provided for in these Competition Rules shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee.

MR 5

Teams that win cup competition trophies at either U13, U14, U15 age groups and subsequently leave at the end of the playing season will have their team deposit withheld until all such trophies have been returned to the League. Clubs are still under league rule jurisdiction until all such trophies are returned to the League.

Teams must return the trophy in an acceptable clean and un-damaged condition.

The League will arrange the engraving of the winning teams name when returned and

invoice the club such costs which will be £10.00 per trophy for season 2024/2025.

Teams not returning the trophies by March 1st 2025 will be fined £20.00.

Teams not returning a trophy or returning a damaged trophy will be held responsible for the full replacement at cost price to the league.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

MR 6

It is the responsibility of the Club Secretary to correctly input player details onto the Whole Game System. The Leagues Registration Secretary will then approve the registration of the individual player subject to the correct entry of the players details on the Whole Game System. It is the Club Secretary's responsibility to confirm as correct the players Date of Birth, Parent/Guardian consent, and acceptable current true likeness passport digital style photograph

(B) A new player photograph and a new player id check must be done at the following age groups in the respective age concerned leagues U7 U11 U13 U16

It is the club's responsibility to confirm as correct the following on WGS:

- Players date of birth
- Parent/Guardian's consent to participate
- True likeness passport digital style photograph

MR 7

After the start of the season, in order to be available for the next fixture, players correct registrations must be entered on WGS 1 full clear day before the next fixture i.e., received on or before midnight the Friday prior to a Sunday fixture.

MR 8

(A) Players will only be eligible to play when they are listed and approved to play by the leagues Registration Secretary and on the Whole Game System.

(B) 15 Minutes prior to kick-off team officials must exchange Whole Game System registered players download forms with current player photographs with name for mutual scrutiny.

Teams failing to provide this information are to be reported and are liable to a maximum fine of £50.00. If a team attends a fixture without this information, the fixture should not take place and the defaulting team will be charged for failing to attend a fixture under SCOR(Y) 10 (E) (i)(ii). Any individual player not present on the Whole Game System download form will be deemed not eligible not to play.

(C) Any League official attending a fixture after verification of identity may ask to see the teams Whole Game System registered players download player photo form before, during or after a fixture. This form must be provided to the verified League Official upon such a request. Teams failing to provide this information are to be reported and are liable to a maximum fine of £50.00

(D) Any registered player leaving or not playing at a club and not being transferred to another club directly must be de-listed from the player's team list on the Whole Game System. The club must then ensure the player is also removed from the teams Whole Game System players download photo form.

MR 9

A. A transfer 'notice of approach' form should be completed and submitted using the League Administration System 7 days before contact is made with any player/player's current club regarding any possible interest in any transfer from that club.

If a player contacts a club prior to any transfer taking place the form must still be submitted on the system before any transfer process can go forward.

B. The player's current club Secretary then can either waive the notice period and allow contact immediately or state that they object to any transfer and should offer the reason/s why. If there is no reply from the current club to the notice then the transfer will be completed on the third day, assuming the player wishes to move of course.

C. If the player wishes to transfer after discussion, then they should be added to the relevant team on WGS and submitted to League. Clubs will be invoiced individually for transfers once they have been fully completed

MR 10

A team shall not include any player who has taken part in any 2 or more senior competition matches for the same team during the current season unless they are permanently dropping down to his younger age group. For example, through not getting regular football with the higher (senior) age group.

E.g. within a Club, if an U13 plays 2 games for the U14s he will not be able to play for the U13s again. Also, if a player starts with an older age group and plays 2 games then they will then not be able to drop down to a younger age group. For the purpose of this Competition a senior competition is the U14 or U15 age group.

PLAYING SEASON, CONDITIONS OF PLAY, KICK-OFF TIMES POSTPONEMENTS, ABANDONMENT, SUBSTITUTES.

MR11

Any person undertaking referee/linesman duties must not interfere with the coaching of their respective teams whilst the fixture is in progress.

MR 12

A club may postpone a fixture if two or more players from one team are required by either the Leicestershire & Rutland County Representative sides or English Schools FA sides (with the agreement of the Fixtures Secretary).

MR 13

Postponement of a fixture is allowable at the discretion of the Committee in the event of unavailability of squad members if 14 days' notice of such unavailability is received on a League "postponement" form, submitted to the Fixture Secretary using the League based administration system. Email is not accepted.

Each team will be allowed 2 such postponements per season, in addition to the Sundays where no fixtures are planned by the league. (First weekend of the relevant team's October half term, first weekend of the relevant team's February half term, and Easter Day).

Once those 2 requests have been used up then any other 14 day postponement request will not be granted and will be treated as a broken fixture under MR14.

Notice of '14 day' permission to postpone any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and any match officials. (Failure to do so, the postponing Club shall be responsible for any expenses incurred).

MR14

Teams not giving 14 days' notice in accordance with MR13, the Committee shall impose the following sanctions:

Teams first failure to attend a fixture in a season	Sanction	Fixture Sanction
14 Days and Over	No Sanction	Rescheduled
13 - 8 Days prior to fixture	£15.00 Fine	Rescheduled
7-2 Days prior i.e. Friday before a Sunday fixture	£20.00 Fine	Rescheduled
1 Day prior i.e. Saturday up to 6pm	£20.00 Fine	Rescheduled
1 Day prior i.e. Saturday after 6pm	£30.00 Fine	Rescheduled
Day of fixture all parties informed	£30.00 Fine	Rescheduled
Day of fixture all parties not informed	£35.00	Fixture not rescheduled, points to opposition + any expenses/Ref fee claimed
Day of fixture with one team and or Referee in attendance	£35.00	Fixture not rescheduled, points to opposition + any expenses/ Ref fee claimed
Team's second or subsequent failure to attend a fixture in a season.	Sanction	Fixture Sanction
14 Days and Over	No Sanction	
13 - 8 Days prior to fixture	£25 Fine	Points to opposition. Game not rescheduled

7-2 Days prior i.e. Friday before a Sunday fixture	£25 Fine	Points to opposition. Game not rescheduled.
1 Day prior i.e. Saturday up to 6pm	£30 Fine	Points to opposition. Game not rescheduled
1 Day prior i.e. Saturday after 6pm	£30 Fine	Points to opposition. Game not rescheduled
Day of fixture all parties informed	£40 Fine	Points to opposition. Game not rescheduled
Day of fixture all parties not informed	£50 Fine	Points to opposition. Game not rescheduled. Plus any expenses/ref fee claimed
Day of fixture with one team and or Referee in attendance	£50 Fine	Points to opposition. Game not rescheduled. Plus any expenses/ref fee.

MR 15

(A) In the event of a competition match not being played for any reason apart from weather related postponements the home club shall inform the League's Fixtures Secretary and the SMS Results Officer by 6pm for a Sunday fixture and 10pm for a midweek fixture with full reasons (and evidence if required) as to why the match did not take place, if they have not already done so.

Failure to comply will incur a fine of £25 being imposed.

(B) In the event of a competition match being postponed owing to the pitch being unfit through weather conditions, the home club shall notify their opponents and match official immediately. This must be done by telephone rather than electronic message and if this cannot be done in time there MUST be a home club official in attendance at the ground who will remain at the ground until 15 minutes after the scheduled kick off time.

The League's Fixtures Secretary and Referees' Secretary must also be informed asap.

Any breach of this rule will result in a minimum fine of £25 plus any expenses being imposed.

A Club which calls off a match on the day it is due to be played, unless the ground is unfit, shall be responsible for any reasonable expenses incurred, as decided by the Executive/Sub Committee

MR 16

The Referee must be presented with a suitable match ball together and league officially sanctioned team sheet and be offered his/her fee 15 minutes prior to kick off. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £12.

In the event of non-attendance or non-appointment of a league referee, any club or clubs failing to agree upon a referee will be dealt with under the rule governing failure to attend - MR14

MR 17

As part of a Club's acceptance to the Leicester & District Sunday Juniors League, the Executive/Sub Committee shall have prior right to the grounds of any affiliated Clubs for a Semi-Final, Final cup match, or League play-off matches as required. All expenses (ground rent and officials fees) to be shared by the participating Clubs.

MR 18

The home club shall be responsible for the pitch markings, corner flags and goal posts being erected in time for the official kick-off time. All teams must use goal nets and attention must be made to the FA's Goal Post Safety campaign.

MR 19

It shall be the responsibility of each club to ensure good conduct of its club member's players and spectators. In cases where a breach of good conduct is proven, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the sanctioning County FA.

MR 20

Any team wishing to play matches, tournaments or competitions other than League administered fixtures or County Cup matches after 1st September of the current season, (including Saturday competitions) must apply in writing for permission to the General Secretary giving full details.

FINANCE.

MR 21

All payments to the League must be made by BACS, as detailed on the individual fine sheet or invoice. Further details may be obtained from the League Treasurer

All fines and invoices must be paid by the stated date even if an Appeal is pending. If an Appeal is upheld all monies will be refunded.

RESPECT

MR 22

This league is an FA Accredited and a Respect League and as such any further implementations on the Respect theme as directed to the clubs by the Executive Management Committee must be always adhered to.

MR 23

Except under circumstances authorised by the Management Committee, clubs shall provide a designated spectator area in accordance with the guidelines laid out by the Football Association. On match days all spectators from both teams must be situated behind the Respect Barrier along one side of the touch line.

Both sets of each clubs full Management team and all substitutes must view the game from the opposite touch line.

Any club found not adhering to these guidelines may be fined up to £20.00

LDSJL LEAGUE/PRESIDENTS/CHAIRMANS KNOCK OUT CUP RULES

LC 1:

The 3 League administered Competitions shall be called:

- The Leicester & District Sunday Juniors League Cup
- The Leicester & District Sunday Juniors President's Cup
- The Leicester & District Sunday Juniors Chairman's Cup.

LC 2:

Only those players who are correctly registered with the League are eligible to take part. Any team proved to have played an ineligible player will be immediately disqualified from the competition. Players will only be eligible to play when they are listed and approved to play by the leagues Registration Secretary and on the Whole Game System.

LC 3:

All League rules shall apply except where specifically altered by these cup rules.

LC 4:

In each tie up to and including the semi-final, the game shall be played on the ground of the first drawn team - subject to pitch share agreements. The fixture will be reversed if there are any pitch share problems, unless otherwise mutually arranged.

The Committee shall decide upon the grounds for finals.

LC 5:

The duration of each match shall be as League current rules (Under 13s and under 14s 35 minutes each way. Under 15s (40 minutes each way).

If the scores are level after full time, there shall be no extra time and the tie shall proceed to the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in full accordance with the laws of the game which shall decide the tie.

This applies to all rounds of the Cup including Semi-finals & Finals.

LC 6:

No player shall be allowed to play for more than one team in the same age group in the same Competition. Any team breaking this rule shall be disqualified from that Competition.

LC 7:

Clubs are not allowed to request 14 days postponements for any cup tie and all games must be played on the date stipulated by the Executive Committee.

In exceptional circumstances the ties may be brought forward by mutual agreement between the participating Clubs and the Fixtures Secretary. Defaulting Clubs shall forfeit the game and their opponents awarded the tie.

LC 8:

No player will be eligible to take part in the relevant competition unless they are a registered member of their Club on the last day of February in the current season.

LC 9:

For all games up to and including the quarter-finals, the home drawn club shall be responsible for the pitch hire expenses and the away drawn club shall be responsible for the match Referee's fee.

In the event of 3 officials being appointed to a cup tie up to and including the quarter-finals by the Leagues Referee Secretary, the Assistant Referees' match fees shall be divided equally between the two clubs.

However in the event of a single club requesting 2 Assistant Referees prior to the semi-final tie, then the requesting club shall be deemed responsible for their match fee expenses.

LC 10:

For semi-final matches, the home drawn club shall be responsible for the pitch hire expenses and all match officials fees split equally between the participating clubs.

LC11

In the event of teams reaching the Final Tie all the officials' and ground expenses shall be met by the League.