

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SUNDAY JUNIORS LEAGUE
MEMBER CLUBS RULES

SEASON 2023/2024

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 made on the official Club Application Form, to the General Secretary before 30th April.

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. And for the purpose of the competition a split season is defined as a complete single season competition.

The completed application form will include the Clubs name (as registered at CFA), Club Secretary's name, address & telephone number (as registered at CFA) and teams by age group.

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 failing to fulfil its fixtures and engagements, the deposit shall be forfeited to the competition and in addition they will be fined £50.00.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

MR 3

No telephone calls shall be made to any member of the Executive Committee or General Committee Member after 9pm, unless by prior arrangement with and with the agreement of that member. Any Club breaking this rule shall be fined £5.00

MR 4

The General Secretary is only to be contacted by telephone if the subject is not one able to be dealt with by another Committee Member/Officer (or if that person is not available). Any Club breaking this rule will be fined £5.00

No visits are to be made to Committee Members homes without prior agreement of that Committee Member. Any Club breaking this Rule will be fined £5.00

MR 5

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

MR 6

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

MR 7

Teams that win 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 2023/2024.

Teams not returning the trophies by March 1st 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 8

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 a players details on the Whole Game System. It is the Club Secretaries 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 9

After the start of the season in order to be available for the next fixture Whole Game System registered players must be entered three clear days before the next fixture i.e., received on or before midnight the Wednesday prior to a Sunday fixture.

MR 10

(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 11

A transfer notice of approach form should be completed and submitted on the league's admin website 7 days before you contact any player/players current club regarding any possible interest in any transfer to your club from another club.

If a player contacts a club prior to any transfer taking place the form must still be submitted on the admin site 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 12

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. Eg within a Club if an U13 plays 2 games for the U14's he will not be able to play for the U13's 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.

MR13

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

MR 14

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). Proof of same must be supplied to the General Secretary by email the day after the match should have been played.

MR 15

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.

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 October half term and again February half term)

Teams not giving 14 days' notice 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 <u>second or subsequent</u> 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 16

(A) Notice of permission to postpone any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club (or notice of a Club being unable to fulfill any match must be given by the 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).

(B) In the event of the match not being played for any reason 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. The reasons for the match not being played shall be forwarded to the League General Secretary by email the day after the match was scheduled to have been played. Failure to comply will incur a fine of £5.

MR 17

(A) The Referee must be presented with a suitable match ball 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.

(B) The league requests that the home club should offer the appointed match official/s suitable refreshment at half-time.

MR 18

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 19

In the event of matches being postponed owing to the pitch being unfit, the Secretary of the HOME club shall notify the General Secretary by email, to be received no later than 3 days after the match. Clubs with private grounds must not postpone a fixture until the day of the match and then only after an inspection by the appointed match referee, or with the approval of the Referees Secretary, a local Referee. The name of the inspecting or governing body shall be named in the report. In addition the Home Club shall notify immediately by telephone the Referees Secretary and Fixtures Secretary of such postponement. The home club are also responsible for notifying their opponents and match official(s). 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. Any breach of this rule will result in a minimum fine of £10 plus expenses being imposed.

MR 20

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 expenses incurred, as decided by the Executive/Sub Committee.

MR 21

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 22

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 23

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

Failure to comply will result in a fine of £5 or suspension from the League.

MR24

In the event of a club or clubs failing to agree upon a Referee, the club or clubs responsible will be dealt with under the rule governing failure to attend - MR15.

FINANCE.

MR 25

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

NB. All fines 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 26

This league is an 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 27

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.

MR 28

On match days clubs must adhere to the following code when teams and spectators are viewing the game. All spectators from both teams must be situated behind the Respect Barrier along one side of the touch line.

Both sets of each club's 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 Competition shall be called "The Leicester & District Sunday Juniors League Cup, President's Cup, 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 league's 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 the semi-final, the game shall be played on the ground of the first drawn team. The fixture is to be reversed if there are any pitch

share problems unless otherwise mutually arranged. The Committee shall fix the grounds for finals at a neutral venue.

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 and 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 Competition.

Any team breaking this rule shall be disqualified from the Competition.

LC 7:

All ties shall be played on a 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 tie and their opponents awarded the tie.

LC 8:

No player will be eligible to take part in the Knock-out Cup unless he/she is a registered member of their Club on the last day of February in the current season.

LC 9:

The home drawn club shall be responsible for the pitch hire expenses.

The away drawn club shall be responsible for the match Referee's fee.

In the event of 3 officials being appointed to a League Cup tie up to and including the semi-final by the Leagues Referee Secretary, the Assistant Referee's match fees shall be divided equally between the two clubs.

In the event of a single club requesting 2 Assistant Referee's prior to the final tie, the requesting club shall be deemed responsible for their match fee expenses.

LC 10:

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