



North East Youth Development League. LEAGUE REGULATIONS 2008/09

1) (a) The League is called THE North East Youth Development FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NEYD) and is open to clubs affiliated to the Football Association There will be one age group to start with Under 11 then as the seasons go by progress to u12,u13,u14,u15,u16 and u17.

The league sponsor will be added to the league name.

Depending on entries received by the NEYD all teams will play each other once over the season to decide the leagues for the following u12 season, top 10 teams will form the premiership,next 10 teams will form the championship and the next ten teams will form division one.

(if there is not enough entries then a home and away fixture will be played).

(b) The League is managed by The committee of the league plus elected club representatives (hereafter known as 'The Committee') who will appoint the following Officers – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Fixture Secretaries.

2) The League Fees will be £40.00 which must be paid on or before 1ST July, otherwise a fine of £20.00 will be imposed. All registrations are free.

A £10.00 administration fee is to be paid by all teams to cover the costs incurred by the league .

3) (A) Clubs must complete the registration of players before the League commences. Such registrations must reach the League Secretary two days before a player takes part in a League game and the club must receive the counterfoil back from the Secretary 48 hours before the player can take part in a League game. Clubs may register up to 18 players at any one time.

(B) Numbers of transfers and re-registrations will be limited to one per player per season and will cost £10.00. The number of teams a player may be registered for is restricted to a maximum of two.

(C) When a club cancels a player's registration they must return the registration card to the NEYD prior to a new registration card being issued. Only players registered for the league may play in a trophy or subsidiary competition organised by the league.

(D) Movement of players between clubs/teams will be restricted to the period between 1st October and the last day in February. (Unless a player is not signed to any club.)

(E) All players in the Under 11 League must not have passed their 11th birthday on 1st September of the current Season. All players in the Under 11 Section must be in Year SIX (6) at School before they can play in the NEYD Under 11 Football Competitions.

All registrations and transfers must be processed on the dates allocated by the NEYD.

4) If the Secretary/Committee have any concerns as to the qualification(s) of any player taking part in the League they shall have power to call upon such player, or the club to which the player belongs, or for which he played previously to prove that he is qualified according to the rules. Failing satisfactory proof being obtained the Committee may disqualify such player

and remove the club from the Competition, or impose such other penalty as they think fit.

(B) Clubs playing unregistered/in-eligible players will be fined £50.00 per game and the game(s) will be awarded to their opponents if the opposing team did not win the game(s) or be in default of the rules.

No academy players are permitted to play in the NEYD

5. Fixtures

(A) Once the fixture list has been compiled, the League Secretary shall have the authority to alter fixtures at short notice to accommodate a Cup tie.

(i) The fixture list is official notice of the match to both clubs. Home Team Secretaries must confirm the match with their opponents by the Wednesday before the date of the game, also confirming venue and colours.

(ii) When two teams have still to play each other, and the pitch of the home team is not available for any reason, the match MUST be reversed to the ground of their opponents even at short notice. A decision to reverse the fixture on the day of the match must be made by mutual consent

(iii) CLUBS WISHING TO BE FREE ON A CERTAIN OCCASION SHOULD SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, IN WRITING, TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS (28 DAYS) BEFORE THE FIXTURE LIST IS COMPILED. PLEASE NOTE: CLUB SECRETARIES SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE WILL AUTOMATICALLY GRANT ANY REQUESTS!

(B) Clash of Colours – The away Team must change strips or wear bibs.

(C) All clubs playing in the League should wear numbered shirts 1-11 and the team sheets filled in accordingly.(both main and alternative strips).

(D) Any team failing to fulfill a League match will be fined £50.00 and the points for the unplayed game will be automatically awarded to their opponents (if the opponents were not at fault). Teams cannot mutually agree to postpone a game, or both will have the above rule applied against them and no points will be awarded..

(F) As with the fixture lists, any matches re-arranged by the Secretary and notified to the clubs concerned will be confirmation of such fixtures and will kick off 12.00 pm on Saturdays.

(G) Result sheets must be completed and signed by the Secretary/Manager of both teams and countersigned by the Referee.

(A) The fully completed result sheet must reach the NEYD League WITHIN FOUR DAYS (THURSDAY) of the match having been played failure to fully complete (all Sections) a correct result sheet within the allotted timescale will result in a £10.00 fine

The result of the match must be telephoned by an official of the home team to the person appointed by the League to receive the scores. Failure to comply will incur a fine of £10.00.

(B) Clubs failing to answer correspondence by stipulated dates will be fined £10.00

(C) Clubs failing to pay fines within 14 days will be subject to administration fees

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(A) Should a team wish to lodge a protest relating to any game this must reach the NEYD on the official protest form” not later than seven days following the match together with a fee of £10.00 and be counter signed by the club secretary and be specific regarding the allegedly broken rule. Please do not attach

additional sheets these will not be considered the protest is invalid without the fee, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

(B) The NEYD will not 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.

(C) Any complaints pertaining to Official referees must be addressed to the Northumberland FA not the League

8. Home teams must provide match balls – U11 SEASON SIZE 4

9. No player may transfer from one team to another without the Managers of both teams having completed a League Transfer Form. The player must be registered two days before playing and the transfer fee will be £10.00. No player may be transferred after the last day in February of the current season and **NO TRANSFERS, OR THE CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATIONS – WITH NO EXCEPTIONS – WILL BE ALLOWED UNTIL AFTER SEPTEMBER 30TH**

10 A League meeting will be held at regular intervals. All clubs must be represented or a £25.00 fine **PER TEAM** will be imposed

11. The Management Committee will deal with all offences.

12. REFEREES

(a) Every effort should be made at all times to appoint a fully qualified neutral Referee for matches in these Leagues but under no circumstances should a qualified referee be appointed if he/she is in any way associated with either of the Teams taking part in the match, i.e., Parent, Club Official, Management

Committee, etc. If the person in charge of the Home Team does not inform their visitors that a person has some connection with their Team, and he/she referees the game, the League Committee will impose a fine of £50.00 and the game will be awarded to the non-defaulting team

(b) When the services of a qualified Referee cannot be obtained club officials will spin for the choice of Referee. Such Referees are official and any decisions of theirs are as binding as those of a qualified Referee which includes the sending of Reports to Divisional Secretaries. When teams spin for the choice of Referee the person appointed must officiate for the full match.

(c) Team Secretaries and Managers are reminded that when a 'Club Official' is appointed to be the Referee he/she must act as a completely 'neutral' official and should not under any circumstances 'coach' his/her team whilst the match is in progress

(d) The Referees Fee will be £10.00 plus full traveling expenses. This only applies to qualified 'neutral' referees.

13. All games are to be played on Saturdays with a 12.00 p.m. kick off (an earlier OR LATER kick off time can be mutually agreed). U11 GAMES ARE 30 MINS EACH WAY WITH A 5 MINUTE INTERVAL AT HALF TIME.

14. Players' Counterfoils These MUST be carried to all games and should be exchanged between both teams. Or a £20 fine will be imposed. No Cases will be heard regarding the eligibility of players from those that have failed to check counterfoils prior to the commencement of the match.

15. The points for the Championship and Runner-up position shall be taken from wins and draws to be counted as follows: Three points for a win and one point for a draw. In the event of a tie for the Championship or Runner-up position, the Teams concerned will play a deciding match

on a ground and date selected by the Secretary/Committee. Goal difference does not count for deciding the Championship or Runner-up positions, but it does count for all other positions in the League Table.

16. All team Cups, Shields and Trophies must be returned to the League Secretary by 31st March each year. It is the responsibility of the winners of the Cups, Shields, or Trophies to have their name suitably engraved on such trophies and to return them in a clean and undamaged condition. Any club failing to carry out this rule will be fined £20.00 per Trophy and the cost of any engraving required or repairs to damage will be added to the fine.

17. All other rules are covered by the football association rules and regulations.