



PORTSMOUTH YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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GUIDE FOR TEAM MANAGERS

Make sure that you are conversant with the Rules of the League and any cup competitions. Ignorance of the Rules is no excuse. Every person concerned with running a team or club should have a copy of the Portsmouth Youth Football League (PYFL) Handbook which contains the League Rules – Standard Code of Rules.

Players only become eligible to play for a Team when the Club is in possession of a valid Registration Card.

Match Day and Registration Card Procedure:

Prior to the scheduled kick-off of a match the registration cards of the players intended to play in the match must be checked by the opposing Team Manager. It is the Team Managers responsibility to check the validity of the opposing Team’s players and substitutes.

Any challenge to the eligibility of a player shall be made by the Team Manager to the Opposing Team Manager before the start of the match and any such challenge shall be notified in writing to the League Secretary on the day of the match. If the challenge is proven then the League Management Committee will apply Rule 80 (i) (b3)

In the event of the Registration Cards being unavailable for exchange prior to the match the non offending team may, at its discretion, refuse to play the match. Both Clubs shall notify the occurrence to the League Secretary & Divisional Secretary in writing. The offending club shall be liable to a fine as shown in the Financial Appendix, in addition to any other rule.

Reporting Results

The Divisional Secretary must receive within two days of the date played, the result of each match in the prescribed manner. All team sheets need to be fully completed with:

- Match:** Name of Home Team v Name of Away Team
- Date:** Date match took place
- Venue:** Where match was played
- Div:** Division Name or Letter
- Time:** K.O. time
- Home:** Goals scored by home team
- Away:** Goals scored by away team

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Players Registration Number & Name are already entered on the team sheet, goal's scored need to be entered against the player that scored them and the players that took part in the match need to be marked too. The referee's first name and surname with a mark out of one hundred needs to be entered as well as the opposition fair play mark. Ensure that the Managers name and number is completed and the Name of the Match steward if applicable.

When a club considers that the Referee or Opposition Team Manager has discharged his/her duties unsatisfactorily and awards a mark of 60 or less, then a detailed report must be sent to the League Secretary with the team sheet by the Team Manager, endorsed by the Club Secretary

Both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each match to the Divisional Secretary by 8pm

Teams must expect to be allocated fixtures on every Sunday in the Season.

Non playing Sundays are: Christmas & New Year weekends.

Optional Playing Days are Remembrance Sunday & Easter Sunday – Divisional Secretaries must be advised if your teams **DO NOT** want to play on these days.

Each Team must have the following number of Players registered 14 days before the start of each Playing Season – 20th August

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	5
7v7	7
9v9	9
11v11	11

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Ball Size	
U7 - U9	Size 3
U10 - U14	Size 4
U15 - U18	Size 5

Squad Size		Match Day
U7 - U8	Unlimited	10
U9 - U10	Unlimited	14
U11 - U12	14	
U13 - U16	18	
U18	20	

A child who has not attained the age of 6 shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.

In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration.

It shall be deemed a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-

Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred. Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except for the purpose of a transfer.

A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 31st January except by special permission of the Management Committee.

No more than one player may transfer between the same two Teams until 28 days have elapsed between applications. The date used to determine the 28 Days shall be taken as the date of registration (not receipt) of the 1st application to Transfer

No more than two (2) players may transfer between the same two teams (in one direction) during the season. No one team may transfer into that team more than three (3) Players in any one season.

A player may only Transfer in this Competition once per season.

No player will be permitted to transfer until after the 1st October in each season.

A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

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Ensure an Officer of the home Club gives 5 days notice of matches including location of, and access to, and time of kick-off to the secretary of the opposing Club. Always acknowledge receipt of match notifications, also check the colour of your opponents playing kit to ensure that there is no clash of colours.

The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	4
7v7	5
9v9	7
11v11	7

Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Divisional Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.

The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s.

The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.

In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee.

Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee.

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