

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)		
No	Question	Answer
<b>Fixtures</b>		
1	When fixtures are first published, are they set in stone?	No. Due to all sorts of reasons e.g. County Cup matches, League Cup matches, free weekend requests, bad weather etc, fixtures can and do change.
2	From the published fixtures I see that I have a weekend with no match – can I assume this weekend will remain free so that I can plan to do other things?	No. Fixtures can change but if you want to keep a weekend with no match scheduled free to do other things, then you need to fill in a request to postpone a fixture form fixture (downloadable from the League website).
3	How much notice do I need to give to guarantee a free weekend?	Domestic Rule 9A states that 4 weeks notice (14 days in case of the first 2 games of the season) is required to request a free weekend. Any request will be considered with reference to the commitments of all teams. <b>Permission is not automatically granted.</b> If teams can raise a team, then the game will go ahead.  The League will request confirmation of the school activity. Where players are unavailable due to a school activity, the League will require a letter from the School confirming the names of the players taking part in the school activity. This list of players will be compared against your Team Registration Sheet and if the number of players on the school activity brings your total of remaining registered players below 11, then the game will be rescheduled. If you are left with 11 or more registered players available, the fixture will be expected to be fulfilled.
4	I have just been informed by some of my players that they are away and unavailable on a weekend where I have a fixture. Can I request a free weekend with less than 4 weeks notice?	The club secretary from both teams involved in the fixture will have to send an email to the League no later than 7 days before the fixture to confirm both are happy for the game to be postponed. If both do not agree, then the game will be expected to go ahead.  Always ask players during the season about their holidays etc
5	If I have less than 11 players available, can I call a match off?	League rules allow a match to commence with a minimum of 8 players on the pitch. Clearly, if you have less than 8 players available then the match cannot take place, although this will constitute a game being unfulfilled and it will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, as it would if you were to call the game off with 8 or more players.
6	Under what circumstances can I call off a scheduled fixture?	As a manager, you can call off any game. However, unless it is for an acceptable reason, the unfulfilled fixture will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee who can decide to award the game to your opponents and/or issue a fine. Legitimate reasons for a fixture to be called off are: A clash of fixture with a County Cup fixture A clash of fixture with a League Knock-out Cup fixture
7	Can I agree with my opponent's team manager to reschedule a published fixture?	Clubs can bring forward a fixture and must let the League Age-Group Registrar know this prior to the fixture going ahead.  Clubs cannot agree between themselves to move a fixture to a later date – if there is a problem with a fixture on a particular date, give the Age-Group Registrar as much notice as possible to see if anything can be done to help within the Rules.
8	Do I have to fill in all of the information on the match sheet	Yes. The Managers guide clearly shows how to complete a match sheet to avoid receiving any fines any missing information causes a time delay for age-group registrars.

9	If the referee or grounds man calls off my match, whom do I need to tell?	<p>You must advise your opponents and the Age-Group Registrar, and the results service.</p> <p>If it was the grounds man who called the game off, and you had a Referee allocated to your game, then you also need to advise the Referee.</p> <p>You do not need to submit a Match Result Sheet.</p>
10	If my team have an away fixture and I have not received confirmation of the Sunday match by the preceding Wednesday evening from the home team, what should I do?	<p>Standard Code of Rule 10D requires the home team to confirm the fixture at least 4 days prior to playing the match i.e. by the Tuesday evening preceding a Sunday match. If this does not happen, you must advise the Age Group Registrar that confirmation by the due deadline did not take place.</p> <p>You should then (as the away team) seek confirmation of the match from the home team. If you cannot get hold of the home team manager, it is recommended that you contact the home team Club's Secretary. It is advisable to keep the Age Group Registrar informed if you continue to have problems in contacting the home Club</p>
<b>Player Registrations</b>		
11	How long will it take to get a player registered?	<p>Every effort is taken to register players ASAP. The commitment to you is to return all documents and player registration cards within two weeks of receipt.</p> <p>When sending player registration cards to Registration Secretaries, a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for the return of registration counterfoil(s).</p> <p>Please allow for these two weeks when planning your player registrations. Please do not harass the Registrations Secretary to complete your registrations quickly as this will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee.</p>
12	When do I need to have my players registered?	<p>Domestic Rule 7 (f) (7) clearly states "The minimum number of player registration cards to form a team (see domestic rule 9 H) has to be with the age group registrar by the 15<sup>th</sup> August each year. Failure to do this will result in teams been fined £25"</p> <p>In the Under 7 and 8 age groups, 4 players per team shall constitute a team. (therefore 8 player need to be registered by 15<sup>th</sup> August if playing in a two-team = one result League)</p> <p>In the Under 9 and 10 age groups, 5 players per team shall constitute a team. (therefore 10 player need to be registered by 15<sup>th</sup> August if playing in a two-team = one result League)</p> <p>In the Under 11 to Under 17 age groups, eight players shall constitute a team.</p>
13	Team X has "poached" one of my players, what can I do?	<p>This is a County FA matter, as this is a breach of Football Association Regulation C.</p> <p>You will need to report this to your County FA giving as much detail as possible.</p>
<b>Referees</b>		
14	Can I expect to have a League appointed referee at each of my matches?	No. Unfortunately there are simply not enough referees available.
15	I know a qualified and registered referee looking for a game this Sunday	Please direct them to the League's Referee Secretary, who will try and find a game for them.
16	Who pays for the match official(s)?	The home team.

<b>17</b>	The referee we had this week was awful. I want to report him	All issues regarding a referee's performance have to be sent to the County FA. You need to include the following information with your report, the home and away teams, the date of the fixture, the referee's name.
<b>18</b>	As the home team, we cannot provide a qualified and registered referee, what should we do?	You must offer the away team to provide a qualified and registered referee. If neither of you can, you can use a stand-in referee for that match. See the Managers guide for more details about this, and the use of stand-in referees.
<b>Fines</b>		
<b>19</b>	If I dispute a fine imposed by the League, can I appeal against it?	Yes. If you received a standard League fine, i.e for a match card, then in your first instance contact the age-group registrar concerned.  If you are wanting to appeal a fine/punishment/League decision, then you need to appeal in accordance with Standard Code of Rule 16
<b>20</b>	Who sets the level of fines? Why are they so high/low?	Member clubs set the fine for each offence. If you want them changing, then you need to put forward a rule change, before April 1 <sup>st</sup> in order for the proposal to be voted on at the League AGM. The League Management committee merely enforces the rules set by the Member clubs
<b>General</b>		
<b>21</b>	Remembrance Sunday – do we observe a minute's silence prior to the start of a match?	It is not mandatory. However, the League would encourage teams to respect Remembrance Sunday in the traditional manner within football by holding a minute silence prior to kick-off.
<b>22</b>	Can I demand a League official to observe our game against team X?	The League is not in a position to send out observers to every game, we simply do not have the resources available.
<b>23</b>	If I want to enter my team into a tournament, do I have to tell you?	Yes, if it is on a date within the Season (September – May inclusive). You must seek from the League Secretary permission of the League in order to enter the tournament.  There is no guarantee that either of these will be granted as League commitments always come first.  Remember in recent year's the season has not finished until mid May
<b>24</b>	How do I change a Domestic League Rule?	Send your proposal to the League Secretary by April 1 <sup>st</sup> , with the exact wording who want to propose and the reasoning behind it.
<b>25</b>	Is it just the responsibility of the home team to notify the Registration Officer of new fixture dates? (ie postponed due to bad weather or league approved re-arranged dates)	No - it is the responsibility of both teams to notify the agreed new date (within 14 days of the fixture date)
<b>26</b>	I awarded low sporting marks (5/10 or below) on the match sheet to Manager/Spectators or Players - what do I need to do?	You need to send written explanation to Registration Officer with the match sheet.
<b>27</b>	I'm not a cheat, why do I have show my player ID cards before the game?	This is prove to your opponents, that all your players are fully registered with the League. If you are not cheating, then you have nothing to worry about by showing the cards. Please see the very important message by the County FA, which is included within this guide.

<b>28</b>	I'm playing mini-soccer, 2 games = 1 result format, can players play in both games	Players cannot play in both games. If it found that a player teams will be charged and if found guilty could be fined up to £250
<b>29</b>	Can we play on a Saturday?	<p>The following formats can play on a Saturday, 5v5, 6v6, 7v7 and 9v9. The home team decide what day the game is played on.</p> <p>New for the 2015/16 season, is that games can be played on a Saturday provided BOTH teams agree. If a team is not happy/willing to play on a Saturday, then the game must be played on that Sunday.</p>