

Manager Check List – Pre and Post Match

Pre-Match:

- Refer to the fixtures list on the website in suitable time to check the fixture (who and where)
- The Fixture Secretary is responsible for managing fixtures and will use the website and e mail as a means of communicating any changes
- Monday evening prior to the following Saturday's fixture: Home Manager to contact the opposition to set up the following Saturday's fixture.

Tuesday evening prior to the following Sunday's fixture: Home Manager to contact the opposition to set up the following Sunday's fixture.

- Kick off time to be confirmed, at Central Venues the DGLL determines Kick off times and pitches and will provide referees, for all other Youth games the home team determines Kick off which MUST be between 0930 & 1230 UNLESS permission has been granted by the DGLL prior to the season for a later kick off.

No team travelling more than 30 miles shall kick off earlier than 1100 unless agreed with both teams.

Open Age Kick offs are 1330 for Division 1 & all cup fixtures (except finals) and either 1030 or 1330 in Division 2. Division 2 teams must declare which kick off time they require prior to season start.

- Directions to ground to be communicated
- Check kit both teams playing in; Any colour clash then the AWAY team need to change
- It is the Home Managers responsibility to provide a county fa registered referee if there is no League appointed Referee, and this should be done in suitable time before the match. Teams from U13 through U18 provide their own FA registered Referees except at Central Venues.
- The name of the referee should be confirmed to the opposition – please also indicate whether the referee is a qualified official or a parent\helper
- If the appointed referee does not turn up for the match, the home team can offer in a substitute referee however the away team can reject the substitute referee
- If for any reason a neutral referee is required; Home or Away Manager to contact the Referee's Secretary to arrange giving at least 14 days' notice

Match Day:

- Home Manager to ensure the pitch meets League standards; corner flags, goal posts\nets etc. are of the right standard and match balls are available
- Both Home and Away Managers must check player registrations
- If a team does not have any registration cards, then the game cannot be played under the rules of the League; the game can be played as a friendly – this game would however be classed as an unauthorized cancellation
- Managers need to familiarize themselves with the cutoff date for eligibility to play at the relevant age group
- A match report form must be completed by both the Home and Away Manager, using the GotFootball Portal within 48 hours of the final whistle
- The match result must be reported to the GotFootball Portal, by the HOME TEAM Managers (or representatives) by 6.00 p.m. on the Day of the game; in the event of a midweek game by 9.00 am, the following day
- Failure to input the result will incur a £20 fine
- Home and Away Manager to check the website to ensure correct result has been recorded and to start process for the following week's game

- All matches are to be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or for Mini Soccer the Laws of Mini Soccer as set down by the Football Association

U14-U18 games and above to be on pitches 90 yards by 50 minimum with 7ft by 21ft goals minimum.

Players, other than the goalkeeper are NOT permitted to wear tracksuit bottoms or hats during a game. Gloves may be worn at any time by any player and cycle style shorts may be worn under football shorts as may tights or leggings. Socks and Shin pads to be worn over any tights or leggings. The management committee may decide to relax the rule about headgear in very severe weather.

Snoods, scarves hoodies are prohibited from being used by any player.

- Please see the FA Website for more information and downloads

Match Cancellations:

- Except by permission of the fixture's secretary, all fixtures must be completed in line with the fixture list posted on the website, teams should be aware that league fixtures are dynamic i.e., liable to change with a minimum of 5 days' notice.
- Where fixtures are not completed in line with the fixture list, and the League have not been notified or approved a change in fixture then appropriate fines will be issued
- Managers should review the original fixture list prior to the start of the season and ascertain where there might be an issue and contact the fixtures secretary
- The Manager who is requesting a cancellation or has the need to cancel must contact the relevant Fixture Secretary, whatever the situation before cancelling the match
- There may be times when Managers don't know until arriving at the pitch that the game cannot be played – they still need to contact the Fixture Secretary to advise the game has not been played and the reason (i.e., waterlogged, frost etc.)
- The Fixture Secretary will rearrange fixtures to allow the game to be played – this will be posted on the fixture list on the website

Postponements at The Racecourse Central Venue

The DGLL is responsible for Pitch Inspections at the Racecourse on the Day of the fixtures (Saturday) and postponements will be advised immediately via the DGLL Twitter Feed

Please subscribe to this feed @dgllsecretary

Please note this feed DOES NOT ACCEPT incoming messages.

Identification cards:

Prior to the commencement of the match, managers shall satisfy themselves that the opposition players are registered.

Each team should be identified by their photos with each manager present.

This should be done in a non-obtrusive manner and one that would promote dignity of the players.

Each team must provide a first aid kit adequate to cover minor injuries such as cuts, abrasions, and bruises etc. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of a Club.

The Officials and Committee members of each Club are responsible for the actions of players, officials, members, and spectators always where a Club business is concerned. Clubs are further required to ensure that all precautions are taken to prevent players, officials, members, and spectators causing trouble during or at the conclusion of matches.

Video and still photography at all DG&LL League or Cup matches or unique events may only be used with the permission of the managers involved in those matches or unique events.

Individual's cup trophies are only provided in the League Competition and Main Challenge Cup Competitions. Team Trophies only will be presented in the League & Secondary Cups.

Teams should be aware that mid-week games will be scheduled for September, April & May.

Midweek games are Mondays & Wednesday for Youth and Tuesday & Thursday for Open Age unless there is a valid reason for a different day.

Please note it is likely that ALL cup finals will be played on a SUNDAY in April/May 2023, this will include Youth Games.

All teams will be invoiced for their pitch fees for the season (REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF HOME GAMES THEY HAVE PLAYED) for the full season with payment due on the following date, August 1st. A further 2nd reconciliation invoice will be sent to teams who have played additional matches i.e., cup games.

League rankings will be decided in any one or more of the following ways: -

OPEN AGE FOOTBALL ONLY

Goal Difference in accordance with SCOR

YOUTH LEAGUES ONLY

If the first and second placed teams are level on points, then a deciding match played to a conclusion- extra time and kicks to be taken from the penalty mark in accordance with the prescribed rules will decide the league winners

In the event of more than 2 teams finishing level on points and teams cannot be separated by goal difference then the following will apply to determine positions

Goals Scored

Number of Wins

Results against each other

Drawing of Lots

Once the first and second placed teams are determined a deciding match played to a conclusion- extra time and kicks to be taken from the penalty mark in accordance with the prescribed rules will decide the league winners

For deciding matches, in the event of the scores in a special championship match, played under conditions determined by the management committee, being level at the end of the game, ten minutes' extra time shall be played in two equal periods of five minutes for mini soccer, twenty minutes in two equal periods of ten minutes for 9/11 a side up to age group U16. Games at U17/U18 will have thirty minutes' extra time in two equal periods of fifteen minutes. In the event of scores remaining level after extra time, up to and including age group U16, the championship will be shared between the 2 teams. U17/U18 championship games if level after extra time will be settled by penalty kicks.

Player Registration System

As from Season 2022-23 Player registrations are MANDATORY in the FA Player Registration System. However, to facilitate a smooth transfer between the DGLL Current Player Registration system (GotFootball) and the FA System, the DGLL will continue to run GotFootball registrations in tandem with the FA System until further notice. Players MUST be registered in both systems and approved by the Competition before becoming eligible to play in the Competition.

U12 & Under NO HEADING TRIAL

From Season 22-23 the DGLL is participating in the NO HEADING TRIALS , details have been passed directly to Clubs.