



North East Youth Development League

League Rules & Regulations 2011-12

1. The League

- 1.1 The league is called the North East Youth Development League (NEYDL) and is open to clubs affiliated to the Football Association (The FA). For the 2010-11 season there will be three age groups: U11, U12, U13 and U14. With a view to add an age group per year up to U17 by 2014-15.
- 1.2 NEYDL teams will play each other twice (once at home and once away), over the course of the season to decide the league. If there are enough teams at any of the current three age groups, there will be a Premier League and a Championship league.
- 1.3 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 Fixtures Secretary.

2. League Fees

- 2.1 The **League fees will be £50.00 including a £10.00 administration fee**, which must be paid before the **1st August 2010**. Failure to pay before the afore mentioned date will incur a **£20.00 fine**.

3. Player Registrations

- 3.1 All Player Registrations are free of charge.
- 3.2 Teams must complete the **registration of players before 31st August 2010**.
- 3.3 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 League Secretary 48 hours before a player can take part in a league game.
- 3.4 Clubs may register up to 18 players at any one time.
- 3.5 Clubs must have a minimum of 11 players registered at any one time.
- 3.6 Numbers of **transfers and re-registrations** will be limited to one per player, per season and will cost **£10.00**.
- 3.7 The number of teams a player may be registered to, will be restricted to a maximum of two per season. When a club cancels a player's registration, they must return the registration card to the NEYDL prior to a new registration card being issued.



3.8 Only players registered to the NEYDL may play in competitions organized by the league.

3.9 After the 31st August 2011, movement of players will only be allowed between the following **Transfer Windows: 1st - 31st November 2011 and 1st – 28th February 2012.**

3.9.1 All players in the U11 League must have not passed their 11th birthday on the 1st September 2011 and must be in Year Six (6) at school before they can play in the NEYDL U11 Football Competitions.

3.9.2 All players in the U12 League must have not passed their 12th birthday on 1st September 2011 and must be in Year Six (6) or Year Seven (7).

3.9.3 All players in the U13 League must have not passed their 13th birthday on 1st September 2011 and must be in Year Seven (7) or Year Eight (8).

3.9.4 All players in the U14 League must have not passed their 13th birthday on 1st September 2011 and must be in Year Eight (8) or Year Nine (9).

3.9.5 If the League Committee have any concerns as to the qualification(s) of any player taking part in the League, they shall have the power to call upon such payer, 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 a player and remove the club from the competition, or impose such other penalties, they see fit.

3.9.6 **Clubs playing un-registered/ineligible 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).

3.9.7 **No Academy Players are permitted to play in the NEYDL.**

4.0 Fixtures

4.1 Once the fixture has been compiled, the Committee shall have the authority to alter fixtures at short notice.

4.2 The fixture list is official notice of the match to both clubs. Home team managers must confirm the match with their opponents by the Wednesday before the date of the game, also confirming venue, team colours and kick-off time.

4.3 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 the opponents even at short notice. A decision to reverse the fixture on the day of the match must be made by mutual consent.



4.4 Clubs wishing to be free on a certain occasion should submit an application in writing to the Committee at least 28 days before the fixture. Clubs should not assume that the Committee will automatically grant the request. If a team cancels a game within 7-28 days of the fixture, the points will be awarded to the opponents.

4.5 Any team failing to fulfill a league match within seven days of the fixture date, will be fined £50.00 and the points for the unplayed game will be awarded to the opponents. Teams cannot mutually agree to postpone a game. In such a case both teams will be fined £50.00 and no points awarded.

4.6 Clash of Colours – The Away team must change strips or wear bibs.

4.7 All clubs playing in the league should wear numbered shirts within the squad numbers 1-18 and the team sheet filled in accordingly.

4.8 As with the fixture lists, any matches rearranged by the Committee and notified to the clubs concerned will be confirmation of such fixtures and will kick-off at 12:00pm on Saturdays.

4.9 Results sheets must be completed and signed by the managers of both teams and counter-signed by the referee.

4.10 The result of the match must be texted by a home team and away Team official to the League. Texts don't come out until 12:15pm on a Saturday match, or by 6:15pm on the evening of a mid-week game.

NB you should ensure the league has your correct mobile number for the result text to be sent to.

Failure to comply will result in a £10.00 fine.

4.11 The fully completed results sheet must reach NEYDL **within four days** of the match having been played. Failure to complete a correct result sheet within the allotted time will result in a **£10.00 fine**.

4.12 Clubs failing to answer correspondence by stipulated dates will be fined £10.00

4.13 Clubs failing to pay fines within 14 days will be subject to administration fees.



5.0 Concerns & Protests

- 5.1** Should a team wish to lodge a protest relating to any game, this must reach the NEYDL on the official “protest form” not later than seven days following the day of the match, together with a fee of £10.00 and be counter-signed by the club secretary. The protest must be specific regarding the alleged broken rule. Please do not attach additional sheets as these will not be considered. The protest is invalid without the fee, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- 5.2** The NEYDL 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 times act within the law. We advise contacting the NSPCC and/or Police if you believe a child or young person has been or is at risk of abuse due to the behaviour of an adult.
- 5.3** Any complaint pertaining to Official Referees must be addressed to the Northumberland FA and not the NEYDL.

6.0 Referees

- 6.1** Every effort should be made at all times to appoint a fully qualified neutral referee for league matches. In no circumstances should a qualified referee be appointed if he/she is in anyway 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 be awarded to the non-defaulting team.
- 6.2** When the services of a qualified referee can't 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 sending of reports to divisional secretaries. When teams spin for the choice of referee, the person appointed must officiate for the full match.
- 6.3** Team 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.
- 6.4** The Referees Fee will be £15.00, paid by the home team. This only applies to qualified neutral referees.

7.0 The Games

- 7.1** All games are to be played on Saturdays with a 12:00pm KO. An earlier, or later, kick off time can be mutually agreed.
- 7.2** U11 games are 30 minutes each way with a five minute interval.
- 7.3** U12, U13, U14 games are 35 minutes each way with a five minute interval.
- 7.4** U11, U12 and U13 games must use an official Size 4 football. U14 Size 5



- 7.5** Players' Counterfoils must be carried to all games and should be exchanged between both teams. Failure to do so, will incur a £20.00 fine. 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.
- 7.6** The pitch should be fitted with a "Respect Barrier" on one side in order to keep parents and spectators away from the touch-line and from encroaching upon the pitch.
- 7.7** The winner of a game will receive three points, with one point given to each team in the case of a drawn game and no points given to the losing team. The league winners will be the team who finishes the season with the highest number of points. The runners-up will be the team who has the second highest number of points. In the event of a tie, the head-to-head results will be the deciding criteria, followed by goal difference and then goals scored.
- 7.8** All team Cups, Shields and Trophies must be returned to the NEYDL by 31st December each year. It is the responsibility of the winners 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.

8.0 Contacting NEYDL Committee Members

- 8.1** Teams may only contact NEYDL Committee Members by Email / telephone or in person, during the following times:
- 8.1.1** Mon-Fri between 6pm-8pm (Excluding Bank Holidays)
 - 8.1.2** Saturday and Sundays between 9am-12pm (Excluding Public Holidays)
 - 8.1.3** **The NEYDL Committee will not accept telephone or personal calls outside the stipulated times.**

All Other Rules are covered by the Football Association Rules & Regulations.