



## Walsall Junior Youth Football League

Season 2024/25

### Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Code In collaboration with FA & League rules

The primary aim of the League is to provide a safe environment and a friendly atmosphere where everyone involved has the opportunity to have an enjoyable football experience and that players have the opportunity to develop to their potential in terms of both their football and whole life skills. In order to achieve this all Clubs/Teams are required to abide by FA/League Rules and Walsall Junior Youth Football League's Code of conduct and Disciplinary Code as follows:

Point No.	Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Code
1.	All Clubs are responsible for the conduct and of everyone associated with their club including, officials, players, members and spectators and should ensure that everyone, including match officials and opposition officials, players and spectators are treated with dignity and respect
2.	All Clubs are required to have their own code of conduct that mirror the League's aims and engender a spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
3.	All Teams are required to have a Respect Marshall at each fixture who will be identified by wearing a fluorescent respect bib.
4.	Acts of discrimination including Racism, homophobia and others, threatening behaviour, assault or attempted assault, or foul and abusive language are not tolerated in our League and will be dealt with by the FA and the League Management Committee.
5.	<p>Registration is via the FA PRS. Guidance is available from Age Group Secretary's for Clubs/Teams on how to register their players. All teams <b>MUST</b> register at least the <b>MINIMUM</b> number of players as referred to in the League rules section by the date notified at the AGM and by the League Secretary.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Players must be registered by date given by the League Secretary on PRS.</li> <li>2. A team <b>MUST</b> register at least the following <b>MINIMUM</b> number of players by said date to be included in the new season's fixtures: U7s &amp; U8s = 5, U9s &amp; U10s = 7, U11s &amp; U12s = 9, U13s - U16s =11.</li> <li>3. <b>Note:</b> the maximum numbers of players per squad are: U7s &amp; U8s = 10, U9s &amp; U10s = 14; U11s &amp; U12s = 16; U13s &amp; U16s = 18.</li> <li>4. When a player leaves a team either by transfer or de-registration, PRS will be required to be updated by the Club.</li> </ol> <p>A recent clear passport type colour photograph of each player and the team Manager/s and Coaches/s are required to be uploaded onto the system. All questions within the system should be completed as requested.</p> <p>The League will reject any registrations which do not have satisfactory photographs or those who do not have <b>ALL</b> the details correctly entered. Proof of ages for players are required to be checked by Club Officials, players who played in the League last season do not need to provide proof of age, although an up-to-date photograph is required to be uploaded each season. The Management Committee has the power to check ID for players, this includes the verification of a Birth Certificate, Passport, or any other acceptable forms of ID. Failure to comply with this request may result in Club/Team/Individual/Player being suspended including exclusion from Cup Competitions, fixtures awarded and a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.</p>
6.	Alcohol and Smoking/Vaping is banned from the touchline. Flasks or hot water urns are not to be used within 4 metres of the playing surface or within the ground at Centres. Dogs are not allowed on the touchline on

	Education Grounds or Private Grounds. Individual Centre rules may supersede League rules so please check with appropriate Centre Manager. The Centre Manager's decision is final.
7.	The League is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all young people in football. The League has a <b>Social Media and Image Policy</b> which can be found on the League website. Clubs are responsible for adhering to this and bringing it to the attention of everyone associated with their Club. Any concerns should be raised with the League Management Committee.
8.	Club Secretaries are required to report any alleged incidents of misconduct by uploading a report on the FA PRS and the League Discipline, Respect & Fines Secretary within 7 days after the fixture. Reports emailed by any other person associated with a Club will not be considered and will be forwarded to the relevant Club Secretary.
9.	In the interest of fair play, no player can be transferred from one team to another in the same Club and age group unless 28 days have lapsed between transfer dates or unless special dispensation has been granted by the League Management Committee.
10.	Any alleged acts of misconduct by a Club, Team or individual will be subject to investigation by the League Management Committee and if found proven will be liable to penalties as set out in the FA and Leagues Rules. Where the circumstances warrant it, Clubs, Teams and/or individuals may be suspended and/or expelled from the League. All sanctions issued are carried over into the following season if there is no opportunity in the current season as per FA and League rules.
11.	All on the field incidents will be subject to investigation by the County FA's. Sanctions are carried over into the following season if there is no opportunity in the current season to implement as per FA and League rules. Upon receipt of the outcome from the County FA and or The FA the League Management Committee may apply further League sanctions as appropriate.
12.	All Clubs/Teams are monitored throughout the season by the League and County FA with regard to misconduct charges leading to proven cases and number of League sanctions and fines. Sanctions will be applied to Clubs/Teams who, in the opinion of the League Management Committee, pose a safeguarding and/or welfare issue to Managers, Coaches, Players, Referee's, League Officials and Spectators.