Team Leicestershire Football Handbook

Key Information Rules and Formats

2020/21
Welcome

Welcome to the 2020/21 Team Leicestershire Football Season. All sport-specific information, rules, formats and age groups are included within this handbook. For additional Team Leicestershire information, overarching rules and processes, please also ensure that you refer to the 2020/21 Team Leicestershire handbook.

Obligations

It is imperative that Team Managers read and understand the contents of this sport specific handbook and the generic Team Leicestershire rules and formats handbook to ensure the smooth running of each competition.

Please pay specific attention to the deadlines and play by dates within this document.

Covid-19 Amendment

Following the Coronavirus outbreak, the 2020-21 academic year will no doubt be a very different and challenging period. With this in mind, it is important that LRS, SSPANs, SCHOOLS and SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS recognise and understand that flexibility and adaptability will be imperative to the delivery of the Competition Calendar. Therefore, the dates and formats stated in this document are an ‘ideal scenario’ and may be subject to change at both local and County level.

It is important that opportunities for young people to compete are provided and so in order to do this, we may have to utilise that flexibility and adaptability with the support of schools and delivery partners involved. Any required changes (if and when the need arises) will be communicated as clearly and as early as possible to allow for any necessary amendments by all parties involved.

We thank you for your support in this matter during these unprecedented times.
Association Committee

Chair

Alan Jacobs

Treasurer

Clive Bickley

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Steve Abson

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Rules and Formats

The formats of the game shall be:

Boys Football
- Y7
- Y8
- Y9
- Y10
- Y11
- U18

Girls Football
- Y7
- Y8/9
- Y10/11

Rules
1. The laws of the game as defined by the Football Association and The English Schools Football Association shall apply except as otherwise stated.
2. The entire control and management of the competitions shall be in the hands of Council. Rules as laid down herein must be adhered to throughout.
3. The trophies shall be offered for annual competition amongst the schools affiliated to Leicestershire & Rutland Sport (Team Leicestershire).
4. (a) Matches must be played on or before the date stated unless permission for a change of date has been given by the competition organiser.
   (b) The home school shall give the visitors and the referee, if appointed, at least three days’ notice of the match arrangements.
   (c) Both teams are responsible for notifying the result to the competition organiser.
5. The Council shall have direct control over all matters connected with the Finals.

Boys Competitions
The Leicestershire & Rutland Schools Cup (u16), The County Cup (U15), The Secondary Shield (U14), The Leicestershire Trophy (u13), will all be played as eleven-a-side.
The Ron Jackson Trophy (U12) is nine-a-side.

Duration of these matches shall be:
- Under 16 Leicestershire & Rutland Schools Cup - 40 minutes each way
- Under 15 County Cup - 35 minutes each way
- Under 14 Secondary Shield, Under 13 Leicestershire Trophy and Under 12 Ron Jackson Cup - 30 minutes each way.

When a match has resulted in a draw ten minutes (seven minutes at u12 and u13) each way extra time shall be played, and should the scores again be equal, the result shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks (taken in accordance with the rules of F.I.F.A.).
The ball used for each competition shall be size 5 (u15 and u16), size 4 for other competitions.

**The Senior Cup (U18)**
This is open to schools with pupils over statutory school leaving age in full time education. A player in the u18 age group may play if he has re-joined his school / college to re-sit examinations, otherwise the regular playing age is 16-17. Matches shall be 45 minutes each way. When a match has ended in a draw, extra time of ten minutes each way shall be played. Should the scores again be equal, the result shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks (taken in accordance with the rules of F.I.F.A.)

**Girls Competitions**
The format and duration of matches shall be:
Under 12 (Y7) nine-a-side Cup - 25 minutes each way
Under 14 (Y8 & Y9) eleven-a-side - 30 minutes each way
Under 16 (Y10 & Y11) eleven-a-side - 40 minutes each way

For all matches - when a match ends in a draw after normal playing time, extra time of ten minutes each way (7 minutes at u12 shall be played). If the scores remain equal then the result shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks (taken in accordance with the rules of F.I.F.A.). The ball used shall be size 4 (u12 and u14) and size 5 (u16)

**Referees and assistant referees.** The home school shall appoint a referee. A standard match fee is payable by the home school. The teacher in charge of the team shall decide the fitness of the ground. Postponed matches shall be played on a date to be mutually agreed, failing which, the Council shall decide. Each team should endeavour to appoint an assistant referee (linesman).

The method of making the draws shall be decided by the Council who shall have power over any other matter not provided for in these rules.

**Substitutes**
In all outdoor matches, five repeated (or rolling) substitutions shall be allowed. In all indoor matches, three substitutes shall be allowed.

In the event of a colour clash (to be decided by the referee if necessary) the home team shall change.
Key Dates

Boys Football

Area competitions are scheduled to begin in January 2021 (dependent on Government and NGB advice)

Prelim knockouts must be completed by TBC
Quarter Finals must be completed by TBC
Semi Finals must be completed by TBC
Finals night – TBC in Summer Term (@ Harborough Town FC - TBC)

*The Boys U18 Final will be held TBC in Summer Term (@ TBC)

Girls Football

Area competitions are scheduled to begin in January 2021 (dependent on Government and NGB advice)

Prelim knockouts must be completed by TBC
Quarter Finals must be completed by TBC
Semi Finals must be completed by TBC
Finals night – TBC in Summer Term (@ TBC)