

Cheshire Girls Football League Administration Rules and Constitution **Season 2011-12**

This combination of clubs shall be designated the Cheshire Girl's Football League and shall consist of four age groups, under 10's, under 12's, under 14's and under 16's (all two year age banding) and as many divisions as required to fulfil fixtures.

Qualification of Players

All League players must be **over 8 and under 10 at midnight August 31st (under 10's).**

All League players must be **over 10 and under 12 at midnight August 31st (under 12's).**

All League players must be **over 12 and under 14 at midnight August 31st (under 14's).**

All League players must be **over 14 and under 16 at midnight August 31st (under 16's).**

Player Registration

All clubs must register 11 players (11 a-side), 7 players (U12s small sided) and 5 players (U10s small sided) in the correct manner by the **30 July** when requesting League membership. The remaining players must be registered with a player ID card available for checking by the opposition prior to their first match. Clubs officials must also display their ID during the matches.

Teams failing to register a minimum number of players in the correct manner will not be guaranteed a place in the League, the team will be placed on a waiting list and entry to the League will be determined by the management committee.

Playing Season, Conditions of Play, Times of Kick-off, Substitutes

The times to be played in League matches shall be:

U10's & U12's no more than 60 minutes in any 24-hour period. Size 4 footballs to be used.

Under 14's will be 35 minutes each way (10 minutes maximum half time) (size 4 footballs).

Under 16's will be 40 minutes each way (ten minutes maximum half time) (size 5 footballs).

All matches must kick off promptly at the appointed time. It is therefore imperative that teams arrive well in advance of their kickoff times to set up the equipment on their allocated pitch and to check ID cards prior to the match. If a late kickoff is reported to the League, the Management Committee may impose **a fine of £20**. For U16s and U14s matches, the referee reserves the right to shorten the match if the kickoff is delayed because a team(s) is/are not ready by the appointed kickoff time. Each team manager will be informed of the new times (eg 5 minute reduction on each half) prior to kickoff.

All matches will be played on Saturdays (other days may be included as required to complete fixtures) at Hartford Moss Farm Recreation Centre, or alternative venues as determined by the Management Committee.

U10's & U12's

Each team will play alternate weeks (except when conditions cause different Leagues to play on the same day at different times) playing a maximum of two fixtures with the first match to start at

9.30am and the second match to start at **10.15am for U12s and 10am for U10s**. The duration of each match will be 15 minutes each way for U12s and 10 minutes each way for U10s with a 5 minute break at half time. A 10-minute change over time will be allowed between League matches. Each club will report to the Barn and collect and erect one half set of goals + nets and two corner posts and take down and return at the end of the second match (failure to do so will result in the defaulting club incurring a charge of £15.00 payable to Moss Farm Recreation Centre). Nets should be collected from the container marked with the same number as the pitch allocation and returned to the same container. Mini soccer goals must be pegged down with a minimum of **8 pegs provided by the club** (failure to do so will incur a fine of not less than £10.00 and the game awarded to the opposition). Each manager before the start of play will pay half the referee's fee of £7.00 each on the first match for U12s and £5 each on the first match for U10s.

U16's /U14s

The U16s and Frodsham Town U14s will kick off at **10.00am** and remaining U14s matches at **11.45am** as per fixtures. All teams shall report to the Barn for pitch allocation (also available on the noticeboard **behind** the swimming baths' entrance) and collect one net and two corner flags and erect on the appointed pitch and if a team is following on that pitch, they shall take down the nets and return all equipment to the Barn. If no other match is scheduled for that pitch, the original teams must take down the nets and return all equipment to the Barn. Goals must be pegged down with a minimum of **12 pegs provided by the club** (failure to do so by the defaulting club will incur a fine not less than £15.00). Each manager will pay the referee £10 for each U16s match and £9 for each U14s (ie half the referee's fee).

All Age Groups

If respect barriers are available (eg on full size pitches) teams should use them. For small sided games, managers should use the cones from the Barn to mark a line approximately **one metre** from the touchline and ask their supporters to stand behind this line. Managers are responsible for their side line at all times and any infringements of the rules will result in sanctions imposed against their club. Spectators, parents, managers and coaching staff are not allowed to stand **near to or alongside or behind the goals**. Clubs found to breach this rule will be find not less than £15.00.

Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club or notice of a Club being unable to fulfil any match must be given 14 days prior to the match by the Club to the League Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Referees Secretary and the Secretary of the opposing Club. Clubs giving less than 14 days notice shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who shall inflict any penalty it may deem suitable. Unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Clubs that cancel games within 24 hours of the game taking place will incur a severe penalty as determined by the Management Committee, with a minimum fine of £50 payable. Clubs seeking postponements under Rule 10(F) must supply full written details on school headed paper or equivalent from the school head teacher/P.E. teacher/teacher in charge of the event as to player names and activity taking place. Failure to supply written details not exceeding 14 days after the postponement will result in the fixture being awarded to the opposition.

Without exception, all managers must have their players' identity cards available for inspection five minutes prior to k/o and all players will meet at the pitch's centre circle for identification purposes for player eligibility. Clubs failing to produce their club's players'

identity cards will be fined not less than £20.00 and the fixture awarded to the opposing team and/or dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

Misconduct

At a special meeting of the Management Committee, any club found guilty of misconduct or persistent infringement of League rules and whose conduct has been undesirable, the Management Committee shall have the power to suspend or exclude the defaulting club/team from further participation in the Competition in the present season and thereafter the ensuing season(s). Also it must be noted that the registration of any player, whose parent(s), Guardian(s), or other family members are guilty of any misconduct whilst attending matches in the jurisdiction of this League, may have their registration terminated or suspended by the Management Committee.

Club Kit Colours

Away teams must make sure that before kick off their kit colours DO NOT CLASH. Infringement will result in the club being fined £20.00 and the fixture awarded to the opposition. Any fixture when played under the referee's permission when there is a breach of this rule, will be considered as a friendly and the sanctions still levied on the club. Teams failing to provide shirts with numbers will not be permitted to play and shall be fined £20.00 and the fixture awarded to the opposing team. **Duplicate shirt numbers** will not be permitted; infringement will result in the player being excluded from the fixture(s).

Players must have their shirts, shorts and socks clearly visible at all times during the game(s).

Managers/Coaches

The League will issue each Team Manager with an identity card which will contain Club name/manager's name and photograph. The club must ensure that their Team manager has this with them on every occasion. Managers will be required to produce their cards when requested by referees and League officials. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a penalty of £20.

All Clubs, Managers, Players and Parents/Guardians and spectators will be expected to abide by the principles of the Cheshire Girls Football League Code of Conduct and the Notes for Moss Farm Users.

Match Reports

Match reports should be fully completed with the full names of the players printed on the form. No more than 16 players for U16s and U14s, no more than 14 players for U12s (7 v 7) and no more than 10 players for U10s (5 v 5) can be included in each match. Players not used in a match should be struck out before the report is signed by the teams involved. The match report should be signed after the match by both team managers and the referee. Match reports should then be posted in the identified letterbox at Moss Farm. If this is overlooked, the match result **must be telephoned or emailed** to the League Secretary **before 6.30pm** on the match day and the report should then be posted to the secretary to arrive no later than the following Tuesday. It is the responsibility of the Home team to ensure that the match report is completed fully and accurately. This must include **both team names**, the final score, date, age group and kickoff time. Failure to complete in the correct manner or to submit the form/result by the deadline(s) will incur **a fine of £5** for any omission.

League Meetings

All clubs **must** be represented at each League meeting. Failure to send a representative will result in a fine of £20. Clubs that are guilty of persistent non-attendance at League meetings will be dealt with under the Misconduct rules as above.