

Welcome to the Nerf Junior Premier League for Season 2021/2022



Thank you for being a valued member of the Junior Premier League, and for your commitment to player development. As a member club of the Junior Premier League, we ask that you familiarise yourselves with the following rules and expectations. Should you have any queries on these then please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification or help.

Also attached to this email is a copy of the League Codes of Conduct, we ask you to make sure all of your managers, players and parents are committed to abiding by.

As a member of the league each club will be expected to:

1. Provide a safe, welcoming environment to all JPL players, parents, coaches and officials.
2. Be committed to player development, ensuring all players play a minimum of 50% at U11s and above. For U10s and below a minimum of 66% of game time.
3. Ensure facilities used are appropriate for JPL games.
4. Abide by the standard code of rules, as agreed at the AGM, for all matches.
5. Use appropriate, qualified and neutral match referees.
6. Use JPL – approved match balls*
7. Complete game confirmations on time.
8. Use teamsheets and photo validation sheets at all games.
9. Complete match data / admin on time.
10. Share league communications with relevant coaches and officials at your club and respond to information requests from the league.
11. Provide updates to key contact details should any changes to your club staff occur before, during or after the season.
12. Engage with the JPL on social media and assist in sharing your content (photos, stories, videos ect...) to our Social Media & Communications Officer.
13. Follow league procedures and protocols at all times.

As a member of the league each club will benefit from:

1. One vote per club at the Annual General Meeting on all matters relating to voting on the committee, acceptance of the constitution of the competitions, admission of new members, adoption of the financial report, adoption of the new rules and any other matters being brought by the members to the meeting under any other business.
2. One vote per club at any other meeting called by the League Management Committee.
3. Approximately 24 competitive fixtures per team per season
4. Entry into the National league, cup and shield competition pathways appropriate to each age group.
5. Use of the provided JPL League Management system for player registrations, fixture management and match reporting.
6. Use of the JPL logo for promotional purposes.
7. Ability to have stories, events and club information promoted on the JPL website and via our social media platforms.
8. Access to our kit partner and other brand partners for exclusive member deals and discounts – including Veo and Statsports.
9. Opportunity for all players to be selected for the JPL Rep Team.
10. Access to JPL committee members for queries via phone and email.
11. Club support for Sportlomo and Whole Game System from our Clubs Services Officer.
12. At least 2 offered generic support sessions, tailored to your club from our Clubs Services Officer.
13. Access to media and social media support from our Social Media & Communications Officer.
14. Access to football development / growth support from our Director of Football.
15. Access to compliance support from our Compliance Officer.

We look forward to another great season of football and to meeting as many of you as possible over the course of the next 9 months. If in the meantime, if you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

Martin Brock
League Chairman

*The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.

The ball must be age appropriate:

A size 3 ball will be used for age groups U7 to U10.

A size 4 ball will be used for age groups U11 to U14.

A size 5 ball will be used for all other age groups.

The ball must conform to the requirements of 'Law 2: The Ball' and should carry one of the following logos:

- the official "FIFA APPROVED" logo
- the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo
- the "INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALL STANDARD" logo



Junior Premier League Code of Conduct

The Junior Premier League's sole purpose is to provide an opportunity for our players to experience a high-quality program of developmental and competitive football. Football and all other sports, in which children become involved, enable our youth to experience many important lessons which will help form their adult lives.

Creating the right environment for ALL players to enjoy, develop in and want to stay in requires everyone to play their part.

As a League we wish to remind you all that we will take a zero-tolerance approach to anyone falling outside of our Code of Conduct.

We reserve the right to expel and exclude anyone found to be breaking these rules and spoiling the environment for all those involved.

Spectator guide:

1. Spectators are not allowed to coach players or instruct them.
2. Spectators are not allowed to abuse, insult, or swear at players of either side, the referee, match or club officials and other spectators.
3. Spectators must not encroach onto the playing area at any time. They must stay behind the rope provided on one side of the pitch. They must not be situated behind either of the goals or on the coaches/players side of the pitch.
4. Spectators should try to applaud good play from both sides and conduct themselves in a positive manner.

Manager & Coaches guide:

1. Team officials must not aggressively coach or commentate by telling the players what to do constantly, during the game.
2. Team officials must not abuse players through ridicule, criticism or swearing.
3. Team officials must not abuse match day officials or opposition managers.
4. Team officials must not condone, ignore, or encourage inappropriate behaviour or conduct from their players. They should instead take appropriate action. For example, through substituting the player and telling them that their conduct is unacceptable.
5. Team officials must stay within their technical area for the duration of the game (except half time/period breaks).
6. Team officials must not smoke or drink alcohol during the game.
7. Team officials should applaud good play from both teams.
8. Team officials must always ensure the welfare of all players.

Player guide:

1. Players must not use foul and abusive language at any time.
2. Players must not abuse team mates, opposition players, match officials, club officials or spectators at any time.

