

Nidderdale Junior Football League – Ethos and Rules

1. The league never exceeds 6 teams per age division thus maintaining a maximum 10 game season, with 20 Saturday's available for coaching. (at 2011's AGM the league agreed to allow scotton to enter 2 U9 teams until their numbers are managed)
2. The games must at all times be played in a friendly, respectful and supportive manner, with all parties, including players, parents and coaches respecting and supporting the opposition and the referee.
3. The games should be played in a relaxed and friendly manner, with any issues being discussed calmly to reach consensus,
4. Any abuse, bad language or inappropriate behaviour may result in expulsion from the league. In the exceptional event that agreement cannot be reached, a written explanation of the issue must be sent to the league secretary by both parties.
5. The clubs all follow the guidelines and rules set out by the FA for mini soccer.
6. Under u7's and under nines cannot play as/and record results as league under FA guidelines. They are allowed to play friendly games against other villages.
7. No under seven results to be recorded in any medium, including, the press or via websites.
8. Under 11's results will be recorded in the normal way and the appropriate league table distributed.
9. Results of matches will be agreed on the day of the game and the home team will send results to the league secretary as soon as possible by email.

10. Matches

Under 7's: 10 minutes each way on 20 x 30 yards to 25 x 35 yards pitch maximum, goals 12 x 6.

Under 7's are defined as children in school years 1 and 2.

Maximum of 3 matches.

Under 9's: 15 minutes each way on 50 x 30 yards to 60 x 40 yards pitch maximum, goals 12 x 6

Under 9's are defined as children in school years 3 and 4.

Under 11's: 20 minutes each way on 50 x 30 yards to 60 x 40 yards pitch maximum, goals 12 x 6

Under 11's are defined as children in school years 5 and 6.

Boxes are to be marked out, use of cones not permitted.

11. In the under elevens two matches shall be played; the first being the league game and the second a friendly.
12. Goal difference will not count in deciding the league winners. (If the points are the same then the title will be shared.) Therefore it is not necessary to score as many goals as possible in matches, each club should consider the issue of creating totally one- sided matches.
13. The home team will contact the opposition at least by the previous Thursday of the week prior to the match to confirm arrangements are in place, (so that details can be confirmed to players and parents the Saturday before the game.)
14. All coaches must be CRB checked. They should also carry out the child protection part of the FA Level 1 course within their first year of coaching.
All clubs should encourage coaches to be qualified to FA Level 1.

Each club should have or be working towards charter standard, having the standard in place within three years of joining the league.

The league agreed on 6th may 2010 to adhere to mixed ability teams within age groups U7's and U9's. The aim being that there is no strong or weak side, with a 4 goal differential in place to keep games fair and promote the children's confidence.