

LIVERPOOL PREMIER LEAGUE:

Season 2026 / 2027 (onwards unless amended by AGM) Liverpool Premier League -Bye Laws – Youth Male plus Women's and Girls Section – (to be interpreted/ operated in conjunction / accordance with Standard code of Rules for Youth football SCORY)

Leagues:

- Goal difference will not apply at any age.
- In the event of two teams being tied on points then the league title shall be decided by play-off.
 - a) The play-off will be a one-off fixture which will determine the winner of the League championship.
 - b) If necessary, the game will be determined by a FIFA penalty shoot out if the scores are level after the allocated (normal) time has been played
 - c) The game will be played at a venue as determined by the management committee.

Referees:

- **If a qualified match official(s) does not attend, the game will be postponed**
- If the teams agree to play it will be classed as a “non-competitive game”

This amendment is permitted within SCORY as a local LCPL Youth Committee decision.

Team Eligibility:

- Teams whose OA team play outside the LCFA boundaries, as of 25/26 season, shall agree to have at least 1 OA team in the LCPL or at least 1 x U17/18 team in LCPL, with a view to progressing to OA in subsequent season if U18, or via U18 then OA if U17. Teams who fail to meet with these requirements, will not be invited to submit teams for age groups U15 & 16 the following season, teams will be notified by Hon Secretary by March 1st of that current playing season.

Cups:

- In the event of a cup commencing with groups the following rules shall be applied to determine the position in each group
 - a) Points scored
 - b) Goals scored
 - c) Head-to-head results

Failure to fulfil:

- In the event of a team failing to fulfil any fixture the following rules will apply:
 - a) It is less than 14 days' notice is given the non-fulfilling team will forfeit the points and be fined an admin charge of £25
 - b) If a game is cancelled the Friday before (or the Monday for midweek games) or on the day of the fixture is given the team will be fined as per 2a and is responsible for a referee fee payable of £30
 - c) Failure to give notice to the league when unable to fulfil a fixture will result in a fine of £50 + £30 payable to the match referee.
- Should a team fail to fulfil more than two league fixtures they will be required to pay a deposit of £50 to continue playing in the league.

- Each team shall be entitled to request one league postponement per season, requests must be made by submitting the google form 14 clear days prior. No postponement will be allowed in cup competitions; this applies to both league cups and LCFA cup competitions

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- Every effort will be made to accommodate requests for early\late fixtures. Such a question should be made to the fixture secretary prior to the start of the League season. Please note that making a request is NOT a guarantee
- The allocation of teams to division shall be at the absolute discretion of the Youth committee.

Playing for Schoolboys /Girls Team(s) – Eligibility:

- Any player that is successful in gaining a place in a schoolboy /girl team for his Local Authority MUST notify the League Assistant Secretary or League Secretary immediately and in any event by the 30th of November relevant season
- Notice of schoolboys/schoolgirls games involving League players must be notified to LCPL by the team officials at least 4 days prior to the relevant fixture.
- LCPL League or Cup games will proceed at all times during the playing season, as it is expected (and agreed at the AGM in June 2023) that all clubs registered to play in the LCPL have sufficient playing numbers to fulfil League fixtures whilst also allowing schoolboys to play schoolboys games, should the dates and times of KO clash in accordance with SCOR.
- If a team does not comply with the above rule or fails to fulfil the fixture the game will be awarded to the opponents.

Misconduct:

- The league operates a 1 strike and you are out policy for serious misconduct (the final ruling on what classifies as serious misconduct is at the sole discretion of the management committee, following a ruling by LCFA). Teams are reminded about their responsibility to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment is provided for the young players.
- Coaches/Managers are reminded of their responsibilities with regards to their touchline. It's the responsibility of the manager/coach to ensure that their touchline is behaving in a manner suitable for junior football and it's their responsibility to challenge any poor behaviour on the touchline whether it is observed by themselves or when approached by the appointed match official
- Teams who are found guilty of misconduct (by LCFA or by members of the League Management Committee) will be invited before the Leagues' discipline committee

Playing Season 2026 /2027 onwards:

- The playing season for all divisions will commence on the 2nd Saturday of September each season.
- The Girls section plus U11 & 12 Male League will close down during the following periods:
- **October Half Term:** No Games Saturday 24th October 2026. Games resume Saturday 31st October 2026
- **Christmas:** No games on 20/ 27th December 2026 and 3rd January 2027. League resumes Saturday 10th January 2027
- **February Half Term:** No Games Saturday 14th February 2027. League resumes Saturday 21st February 2027
- **Easter:** No Games
- **Midweek Fixtures:** Midweek fixtures will begin on the 1st Tuesday in April and will run each week until the conclusion of the season. Kick off times for Girls Divisions midweek will be 6pm and for Male Youth it will be either 6.15 or 6.30pm.

Meeting Dates

- a) All clubs shall be required to have a representative at the following meetings
- ❖ AGM: To be advised

Match Officials Fees:

- ❖ All match officials' fees should be paid before the fixture commences.
- a) It is preferable to pay the match official in cash before the commencement of the fixture. However, If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please contact your referee during the week before the game to confirm this and to collect bank details. Payment should be made within 2 hours of the fixture finishing
- b) Their details will be the full-time email. If you cannot find their details, please contact the fixture secretary who will be able to provide their email address to you
- c) Fees for season are outlined below however are subject to change at each AGM
 - U14: £34**
 - U15/16: £36**
 - Under 18/19: £50**

Reporting Results:

- ❖ Results should be submitted either:
 - a) via the text you should receive from FULL-TIME
 - b) submitted on the matchday app
 - c) emailed to the fixture secretary.

Whichever way the results are submitted, they must be submitted by 5pm for Saturday football and by 9pm for Tuesday football.

Failure to report results in line with rule above will result in a £10 fine.

Complaints:

Clubs /teams must submit a complain to the League Secretary **NO LATE THAN 7 DAYS** after the scheduled game is rostered.

The complaint will initially be sent to the League Youth Committee for consideration and determination. This determination will be then emailed to teams / clubs.

A team /club may if it chooses, may 'appeal' that decision to the MDC/Task Force /Discipline subcommittee, who shall have all the appropriate details presented to them including the determination of the Youth Committee. Teams / clubs shall be given ample opportunity to present their case to the MDC/Task Force, it may **NOT** however, introduce 'new evidence' or refer back to the original Youth Committee, it may only deal with the sanction imposed.

The determination of the MDC/Task Force is binding.

Any appeals to the MDC/Task Force will be subjected to a fee of £30.00, which if the 'appeal' is successful will be returned to the appealing team / club.

Other Issues:

- ❖ Teams will not be permitted to enter any LCPL internal cup competition if their fixtures are **suspended or fixtures withheld**, at the time of the first game of the cup that they would be entitled to enter.
- ❖ In the event of a team being charged with misconduct or causing an abandonment the fixtures of that team will be withheld fixtures / suspended until:
Either:
 - a. **The County FA have determined the charge**
 - b. **The Club indicate that the team accept responsibility and intend to plead guilty to the charge.**
 - c. **A period of 2 weeks has elapsed.**
- ❖ The Youth Committee / MDC /Task Force or main Management Committee reserve the right to order that games will be played without spectators if a misconduct charge has been proved or admitted and it is founded on the behaviour of the team's spectators
- ❖ For youth games at 3G venues only two coaches and the player substitutes will be of **permitted inside the cage. The coaches will be required to wear identity badges. No** supporters or parents will be allowed on the pitch.
- ❖ Any person having responsibility for a youth team must hold and wear an identity badge. In default of this rule the following fines will apply
 - ❖ **Not in possession of ID badge £10**
 - ❖ **In possession of ID badge but not wearing it £5**
 - ❖ **Unauthorised person without a badge on pitch £25**
- ❖ No person(s) shall use flares or pyrotechnics at any ground(s) operated by Liverpool City Council or Liverpool County FA or Leisure United. In the event of such items being ignited by teams, persons responsible for teams or spectators attached to those teams they shall be liable to a fine of £20 in respect of each ignition.