

Leicester and District Mutual Football League



REFEREES GUIDE

SEASON 2023 -2024



KEY CONTACTS

Referee's Secretary	Alfie Bailey	07934 504797	referees@ldmfl.org	Organises and appoints referees. Advice with rules of the game and development as a referee.
Welfare Secretary	Martin Hawksworth Jack Nixon	07905 623978 07772 303789	chair@ldmfl.org welfare@ldmfl.org	Oversees the safeguarding and welfare of all the players and referees under 18. If you have any concerns about welfare or safeguarding of yourself or players, please contact Martin ASAP for a discussion or email a report.
League Secretary	Dawn Wapples	07835 102378	secretary@ldmfl.org	Dawn oversees the Leagues' business with the FA and is the lead link to the Clubs.
Fixtures Secretary	Mark Weston	07525 057334	fixtures@ldmfl.org	Mark issues and oversees all the fixtures for the League.

USEFUL INFORMATION

League Games:

U7s and U8s play 5v5 format, 4 x 10-minute quarters.

Referees fee - £15 paid by the home team.

Size 3 ball is used.

U9s and U10s play 7v7 format, 2 x 25-minute halves.

Referees fee - £20 paid by the home team.

Size 3 ball is used.

League U9 & U10 Knockout Cup games:

All League rules shall apply **except**

- Please note there is NO extra time in cup games, if the scores are level after full time the taking of 3 penalties per team, chosen from the players on the pitch at the end of the game, shall decide the tie. If teams remain tied after 3 penalties, sudden death applies starting with the remaining players on the pitch at the end of the game. This applies to all rounds of the Competition.
- For all cup games except the Final the away team pay the referee's fee.

FA Full time website:

You can check games / venues / your own appointments using the league Fulltime site:

https://fulltime.thefa.com/referees.html?league=5930712&selectedSeason=224359007&selectedDivision=210650997&selectedCompetition=0&selectedFixtureGroupKey=1_714442586

Appointments:

You can check which games are available, by date or age group by selecting the refs tab, choose 'all' for the fixture group, select the 'include other groups' option for fixtures. Games already appointed with a referee will show a referee name.

To be appointed to a game that you select please email the request to referees@ldmfl.org by Wednesday evening before the game to allow us to give teams time to send fixture confirmations.

Closed Dates:

Any closed dates for the league need to be emailed as soon as possible to referees@ldmfl.org or submitted using the League secure web area:

<https://www.ldmfl.leaguesystem.co.uk/procedures/referee/>

Fixture Confirmations:

Fulltime fixture notifications will be received when you are appointed, 7 days before the game or when a fixture change happens. If you are unable to officiate the game(s), please advise the League Referee Secretary immediately.

Referee confirmations should be sent to you by the home club with details relating to the fixture. (venue, kickoff time, manager etc.) by email or text by Thursday before the game.

Please acknowledge back out of courtesy to confirm your attendance.

If you cannot attend, please notify the League Referees Secretary referees@ldmfl.org and club as soon as possible.

If you do not receive a confirmation from the club, please check with the home club secretary or League Referees Secretary beforehand.

Match Day:

Kit needed – whistle, notepad, pen or pencil, coin or similar for the toss, watch or stopwatch.

Please arrive in good time, usually at least 30 minutes before kickoff, to carry out a pitch inspection, check nets and prepare for the game.

Introduce yourself to both managers.

Managers, coaches and substitutes must be located on the opposite side of the pitch to spectators. A respect line (e.g., barrier, rope or marked line on ground) should be in use on the spectator's side of the pitch for spectators to stand behind.

Cautions, misconduct, and sin bins all need to be reported to the FA via WGS. Match Reports must be completed for the League.

Should you arrive at the ground and need to postpone the game due to bad weather or the pitch being unplayable you are entitled to half of your fee.

If you arrive at the game and find the game has been postponed, please advise the Referees Secretary as soon as possible. You are still entitled to your full fee.

Match Reports

Match reports are required to be completed after each game. Match reports are found on the League Referee Respect Area. <https://www.ldmfl.leaguesystem.co.uk/procedures/referee/>

From here you can also update your contact detail and create match records during the playing season. The records you provide help the league to monitor games that you referee and provide invaluable feedback.

It is very important that you award the teams an appropriate Fair Play Mark and submit this on your Referee's Match Report within 48 hours of the match completing. Please note if there are any serious safeguarding, welfare or misconduct incidents at the match and you wish to speak about what has happened then you are welcome to call the Referee Secretary, Welfare Officer or Secretary who will discuss the match with you. If you are Under 18 and your parents are concerned and wish to speak to us about the match, they are more than welcome to do so, or to email using the contact details above. We are here to support you.

Referee Kit

- **Black shirt, Black shorts, Black socks, Boots or trainers** In addition to the 'basic kit' listed above, in cases of cold/wet weather, there is no objection to you wearing a black waterproof/tracksuit top and joggers.

USEFUL LINKS

Fulltime - <http://full-time.thefa.com/Index.do?league=5930712>

League website <https://ldmfl.org.uk/>

League Rules <https://ldmfl.org.uk/documents.php>

Leicestershire and Rutland County FA - <http://www.leicestershirefa.com>

County FA Workforce Development Officer for Referees

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