

# LEAGUE HANDBOOK



LEAGUE OF THE YEAR

2023 | 2024

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# REGISTRATION

## TEAM REGISTRATION AND MATCH FEE

The league entry fee must be paid before a team is accepted into the league. A team's place in the league is only confirmed once this payment has been made.

The entry fee is an annual fee which covers all administrative costs for the League, Cup, Plate & Champions Trophy.

Age Groups	Season Entry Fee	Match Fee	Fixture Duration	Fixtures Per Night	Evening Options
	Per Team   Per Age Group	Per Fixture			
U7	<b>£20</b>	<b>£17</b>	3 x 7 Minute Games	<b>2</b>	<b>TUES</b>
U8	<b>£20</b>	<b>£18</b>	3 x 8 Minute Games	<b>2</b>	<b>TUES</b>
U9 DEVELOPMENT	<b>£20</b>	<b>£18</b>	3 x 8 Minute Games	<b>1 or 2</b>	<b>THUR</b>
U9 PREMIER	<b>£20</b>	<b>£23</b>	4 x 8 Minute Games	<b>1</b>	<b>MON</b>
U10 - U11	<b>£20</b>	<b>£23</b>	4 x 8 Minute Games	<b>1</b>	<b>MON,WED,THUR ,FRI</b>
U12 - U16	<b>£20</b>	<b>£26</b>	4 x 10 Minute Games	<b>1</b>	<b>FRI, WED</b>
WED & THUR LEAGUE	<b>£20</b>	<b>£26</b>	4 x 10 Minute Games	<b>1</b>	<b>U9 - U16</b>
ADDITIONAL TEAM	<b>£5</b>	x 2 Above			

# MONIES & PAYMENT

## PAYMENT

PLEASE NOTE CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT OF GAMES!

An invoice will be produced for fixtures.

Payment can be made by card via the invoice or you can pay via bank transfer to the following Bank Account:

**\* New Account Details \***

East Riding Futsal C.I.C

Acc No: 15974244

Sort Code: 60-83-71

**PLEASE NOTE YOUR INVOICE NUMBER WHEN PAYING**

## LATE PAYMENT

If payment is not made within 7 days, the League will enforce an administration charge of £1 per week for chasing the payment upto a maximum of £5. After 5 weeks the fixture will be classed as "Refusal To Pay" and will be reported to the County FA.

## NON PAYMENT

Match Fee's consist of Referee Fees and venue fees. Failing to pay a referee for their duties is a serious FA breach.

If a team fails to pay match fees owed to the league within 28 days of the invoice date then the team will be placed on default and **excluded from any FA affiliated football activities** until the debt is paid.

If the team administrator fails to pay the outstanding money then the players registered to the team will be placed on default until the fees are paid. Failure to pay money owed will result in the individual's players also being banned from competing in any FA affiliated football competition.

# VENUES & FIXTURES

## FIXTURES

**Clarification - Fixtures & Games: A Fixture is the arrangement of two teams to play against each other. There are 3/4 games per fixture dependant on age groups, each game being worth 3 points for a win and 1 for a draw.**

Teams will be issued with their fixtures for the upcoming month or beyond and will be notified of any changes as and when appropriate by the league secretary. These fixtures are not final until every team confirms.

All fixtures, league tables and results can be accessed the East Riding league website [www.eastridingfutsal.co.uk](http://www.eastridingfutsal.co.uk)

## LEAGUE NIGHTS

Age Group	League Night	Venue	Kick Off Times
U9 & U10 Prem. Leagues	Monday	Haltemprice	7pm - 8:30pm
U7 & U8 Leagues	Tuesday	Sirius West	6pm - 7:00pm
U10 - U16	Wednesday	Newland School	6pm - 8:00pm
U10 - U16	Wednesday	Bonus Arena	6pm - 8:00pm
U9 & U10 Dev. Leagues	Thursday	Newland School	6pm - 8:00pm
U14	Friday	Bonus Arena	6pm - 9:00pm
U11 - U13	Friday	Haltemprice	6:30pm - 9:00pm
U11 - U12	Friday	Sirius West	6pm - 8:00pm

## MATCH VENUES

The East Riding League will operate at the following venues:

## KICK OFF TIME PRIORITY

Many factors come in to deciding kick off times to ensure more teams can participate. The earlier kick off times will be given to the younger age groups, which



means the older age groups will kick off at the later times. We also take into consideration your journey time as a late kick off with a long journey home will not be feasible for parents and children.

## FIXTURE PREFERENCES

Teams can request to arrive less often but play two fixtures. This is especially useful if you are travelling a long way to play. Teams also may only be able to play on certain dates or times. Please make the league secretary aware of your fixture preference before the league starts. The league will always try to ensure we can meet a teams preference, but unfortunately it's not always possible.

## STAGGERED STARTS

Leagues cannot all start at the same time due to the number of participants. We will start some leagues before others to ensure clubs play frequently.

## COMPETITIONS

The League will run various other competitions throughout the season such as:

Competition	Details
Cup Competitions	All League Entrants plus External Teams - Last Term Before Summer
Champions Trophy	League Champions Or Selected Teams To Decide Season Winners - Winter Period
Super Series	All League Entrants plus External Teams - Half Term Break
Sunday League	All League Entrants plus External Teams - Winter Break

**MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCE CLOSER TO THESE EVENTS**

# TEAMS & PLAYERS

## **TEAMS / PLAYERS**

Each team shall consist of a maximum of 9 players in the squad, 5 playing and 4 substitutes. Rolling substitutions are in play, meaning players can go on and off at multiple times.

Players are permitted to play for more than one team in the league and can play for teams in other age groups of the East Riding Futsal League. Permission must be granted by the league secretary before this can occur though.

If you have two teams within the same league then the goalkeeper can always play for both teams, but only as a goalkeeper. You do not need permission from the league secretary to do this. Outfield players must only play for one of your teams unless agreed beforehand.

The minimum number of players you can play with is 3.

There are no restrictions on who can play in the East Riding Futsal League, as long as they are playing in their relevant age group or a year above themselves.

## **TEAM SHEETS**

Team sheets are currently not a requirement for the league, however, if a player is cautioned or requires further discipline then the coach is required to give the players name. Failure to do so would result in the league following the necessary path to ensure the coach was also disciplined.

## **MULTIPLE LEAGUES**

Teams may enter their own age group league and the age group above. Some teams will do this for a challenge or simply to play more games.

## **NON-COMPETITIVE OPTION**

Teams and coaches have the option to enter the league but not play for points. Points will be awarded to the teams you face, but your points tally and position will not be made public. You will be shown at the bottom of the table with a "N/C" position and score [Non Competitive].

# FUTSAL RULES & DIFFERENCES TO FOOTBALL

## Basic Differences

The ball is weighted and may be smaller than the ball you play football with.

When the ball leaves play out of the sides of the court the player must kick the ball back into play from a stationary position.

If the ball leaves play at the ends of the court, it will either be a corner as normal or a goal throw rather than a goal kick. This can be thrown over head height.

If a goalkeeper plays the ball out, they cannot receive back from any of their players until the opposition has touched the ball.

You cannot score direct from a kick in or kick off.

There are no offsides and no retreat lines.

Some rules may differ dependant on age groups.

Referees may be lenient and ask for retakes to take place, but repeat offences will be punished.

There are many more technical rules to the game of futsal which the league are either not able to enforce or choose not to.

For a guideline on the Fifa Futsal rules please visit:

<https://www.fifa.com/futsalworldcup/news/quick-guide-the-rules-futsal-1798839>

If you have any questions regarding the rules please contact the league secretary or ask the referee prior to the game.

# MATCH INFORMATION

## **LATE ARRIVAL**

Due to timing restrictions of the venue and teams arriving after current fixtures, it is very rare we can delay the game due to late arrivals.

The referee will try to either, ensure the correct number of games are played within the time frame remaining or award points for the first game and play the rest as scheduled. This may mean no breaks in between games, it may also mean the games are shortened, it may even require both.

## **ROLLING CLOCK**

The clock will roll and will not be stopped for substitutions or to tie laces. The clock will be stopped for injuries at the discretion of the referee. If they feel it is a serious injury then the game will be stopped. If the referee feels that a team may be denied a result due to time wasting or injury then they may stop the clock and even delay the restart of the clock to make up for lost time.

## **ABANDONMENT**

If a game for whatever reason does not last the duration and is abandoned by the referee then an investigation will be carried out by the league secretary as to why the abandonment occurred. The league secretary will then make a judgement as to what result will be awarded.

## **MATCH RECORDINGS**

The majority of fixtures are streamed and recorded Live using a VEO Camera. You must give permission to the league for us to record your team. This is completed on the Entry Form.

To Watch The Games - Download The VEO LIVE app:

App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/uy/app/veo-live/id1573754839>

Google: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=co.veo.live&hl=en\\_GB&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=co.veo.live&hl=en_GB&gl=US)

# HEALTH & SAFETY



## **EQUIPMENT**

It is compulsory that all players wear shin guards. No player will be allowed to take part without shin guards.

All jewellery must be removed before the start of the game.

The playing surfaces used have been designed for use with flat trainers. Players arriving in any form of stud will not be allowed to participate.

Please do not bring footballs to the venue, if there is time for a warmup the referee will supply you with a ball.

Referees will provide bibs in the case of a kit clash.

## **WATER ON COURT**

Water bottles beside the pitch is a serious danger due to the flat hard surface.

Please can you ensure that when players drink at the side of the court they do not spill water.

Please can you also ensure that games such as 'bottle flip' are not taking place.

If you see water on the court or the surroundings of the court please notify the referee so it can be wiped up.

The rolling clock rulings will still be adhered to.

# OFFICIALS & DISCIPLINARY

## REFEREES

All referees will be provided by the league and will be at the venue at least 15 minutes before the stated kick off time.

The referee will email the league secretary with any cautions/red cards shown and also confirm the match result.

The referee will rule on all decisions.

**The decision of the referee is final and cannot be overruled during a game. Verbal and/or violent abuse towards referees and/or venue staff and/or opposition and/or teammates and/or league officials and/or spectators and/or equipment and/or facilities will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Players or teams will be expelled from the league with no refund and be reported to East Riding County FA Discipline and/or the police.**

Please note that as this is an FA affiliated league, any bans or fines issued as the result of disciplinary proceedings entered into by the league will result in the player/manager being banned from playing in the league until such ban/fine is paid/spent.

The East Riding Futsal League is operated by members who also operate East Riding Futsal Club. The league was formed in an attempt to grow the sport of Futsal in the area so Qualified Futsal Referees may also be Qualified Futsal Coaches of League Teams. If you believe this has caused an issue in any of your fixtures then please report this to the League Secretary via [danny@eastridingfutsal.co.uk](mailto:danny@eastridingfutsal.co.uk)

## DISCIPLINE (RED / YELLOW CARDS)

Red and yellow cards will be issued by the referee in accordance with the standard laws and rules of the game. Please note as this is an affiliated football league any fines or suspensions that arise as a result of a caution or sending off will carry the same sanctions as any other affiliated league.

## TEMPORARY DISMISSALS (SIN BINS)

The East Riding Futsal League does not operate a sin bin procedure but a referee may ask for a player to be substituted if they feel it is necessary.

# RESULTS, TABLES & CHAMPIONS

## **RESULTS**

The referees will report all results to the league secretary on the evening of the game. Coaches are welcome to confirm the results of each game within their fixture with the referee to ensure all results are correct.

The maximum points you can receive per fixture is 12. That would be 4 wins in 4 games per fixture. Draws will result in 1 point per team for that game.

## **LEAGUE TABLES**

League tables will show number of games played (not fixtures) and number of points.

Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective league at the conclusion shall be adjudged the champions.

## **PLAYOFF FINAL**

If the 1st place slot results in two teams with the same number of points, the league title will be decided via a Playoff Final. Both teams will play each other in the same format as the league but all scores will be added together as if it was all one game. The team with the most goals from all periods will come out as the League Champions. If the fixture results in a tie then the game will be played to a golden goal.

If more than 2 teams end up with the same number of points, then 3 teams will all play each other to decide the League Champions.

In the unlikely event of this event occurring, more details will be provided before the event takes place.

# CANCELLATION

## CANCELLING / FORFEITING FIXTURES

Teams who request to play multiple fixtures on Matchday's must give 10 Days notice to enable large voids in the fixture list to be replaced in good time.

Any team playing a single fixture wishing to cancel a fixture must give at least 7 Days notice. The fixture will then be rescheduled for a later date.

If the required notice is not given and a replacement fixture/s cannot be arranged in time, you will be liable for the Match fee/s to cover the costs of the venue and referees.

If the notice given is less than 24 hours then the Match fee/s will be payable to cover the costs of the venue and referees.

You will then also be charged for the rearranged fixture/s when it goes ahead.

A team must play all of their fixtures unless permission to cancel is obtained from the league secretary. This is due the fact that leagues could be decided from your fixtures and winning the league by default is not fair on those committing to the league.

If a team withdraws having played 75% of their fixtures then all remaining match fee's will be required. If a team withdraws from the league playing less than 75% of their fixtures then a withdrawal fee of £50 will be required.

If a team fails to pay any fees owed to the league within 28 days of the invoice date then the team will be placed on default and **excluded from any FA affiliated football activities** until the debt is paid.

If the team administrator fails to pay the outstanding money then the players registered to the team will be placed on default until the fees are paid. Failure to pay money owed will result in the individual's players also being banned from competing in any FA affiliated football competition.

If a team is successful in forfeiting a fixture then the maximum points from each fixture will be awarded to the opposition. If a league is decided by a default result then a playoff final must be played unless the a forfeiting team is involved in the playoff.

Any team failing to turn up on more than one occasion is liable to be expelled from the league, without refund of any monies paid and may be billed for remaining matches.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

The match day venues and the East Riding Futsal League reserve the right to cancel fixtures due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of a cancellation the league secretary will strive to contact all teams before kick-off to save travelling.



# LEAGUE SUSPENSION

## EARLY COMPLETION

The only outcome the League establishes at the end of each season are the champions. The league does not offer promotions, relegations or rewards for any other placing.

If the league is required to finish early for any reason and it has completed over 50% of its fixtures, the league secretary will arrange fixtures purely to find the league champions.

The league will work out what the maximum number of points are for each team. The team who can reach the highest number of points will play all of their remaining fixtures until their points total is above the team who can reach the second highest points total.

The team who can reach the maximum number of points may change once fixtures are played.

This method will eliminate any fixtures that do not have a bearing on the league title.

If time doesn't allow this format to proceed, a Playoff will take place between all teams that could technically still win the league.

# LEAGUE INFORMATION

## **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT**

The league secretary has overall autonomy for the league and reserves the right to make judgements, decisions and amendments to the official rules for the duration of the East Riding Futsal League as and when he/she sees fit and appropriate.

## **APPEALS**

Any challenge or appeal to the league secretary's decision or rules listed in the official rule book must be submitted by email no later than seven days after the decision was given to the team manager/player. This will be handed to the Chief Executive of the East Riding County FA for he/she to decide on. Once this decision is made there is no further right of appeal.

**Please note the above rules are not exhaustive and the League Secretary reserves the right to amend the league rules as and when required.**

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