

Birmingham & District Football League

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BDFL Basics

The essentials for each club to run in the League.

For the season:

Draft fixtures are issued at least 10 days in advance with weekly fixtures then confirmed at the weekend prior to matchday.

To close a date and ensure you aren't given a fixture you must give 28 days' notice to the Fixtures Secretary (Rule 20 B).

Unless a date has been closed, even if you are preliminarily open on draft fixtures, there is a possibility that you will be allocated a fixture up until the Monday prior to a Saturday matchday which you will be expected to fulfil.

Referee appointments will be confirmed through Fulltime or email by the Monday prior to match day.

The Home team must confirm all details of a fixture to both the away team and the referee 5 clear days before the fixture (Rule 20 C) failure to do so will result in a charge and possible fine.

All players must be registered through the FA Club Portal only with a recent, up to date & clear image of the player, and have been approved by the Registrations Secretary prior to the fixture (Rule 18 A).

To register players on the day of a match a Club Officer must email the Registrations Secretary with details of the registration 4 hours prior to the kick off time in order for the Player to be eligible to play in that match. Failure to correctly register players may result in a charge, fine and potential deduction of points.

Referee for each game needs to be marked on Fulltime after the match by Monday 10:00pm for a Saturday game and within 24hrs for a mid-week fixture (Rule 21 E).

Clubs are not permitted to play in black or very dark shirts (Rule 19 D). This includes goalkeepers.

If clubs are charged with breach of a rule, they will have 7 days to respond to the charge and offer mitigation, after this point, a fine may be issued. The club will then have 14 days to pay the fine after which point it will be doubled for non-payment. If the fine still remains unpaid after a further 14 days the club's fixtures may be withdrawn until the fine is cleared (Rule 6 J).

Clubs are required to attend, in person, 3 meetings on dates to be confirmed in August (SGM), March and June (AGM). A representative from each club must attend the meetings or a fine will be issued (Rule 8H/9E).

For matchdays:

Referees must be greeted by the Home team and shown to dressing room.

The matchform must be given to the Referee in the dressing room no later than 10 mins before kick-off. If the matchform is presented to the Referee on the pitch side the club will be charged (Rule 20 F). Teams must also exchange matchforms prior to the match

5 substitutes can be named on the matchform and all 5 can be used (roll on roll off substitutions are only permitted in the Veterans competition).

If no matchform is presented, no substitutes can be recorded, and no substitutions will be allowed throughout the game for the offending club who will subsequently be charged.

Late kick-offs will be reported, and the offending club charged (Rule 20 A).

All drawn cup matches will go straight to penalties with no extra time played.

The home team should pay the referees fee within 15 minutes of the end of the game.

If no official referee is present both teams must agree on a person to referee the whole game, and he will have the same jurisdiction as an official referee. Failure to play the game will result in both clubs being charged for an unfulfilled fixture.

Results to be input online (using the FA text message) / sent to the Secretary by 6:00pm on matchday otherwise club will be charged (Rule 21 B)

All match details should be entered on Fulltime including referees mark and a copy of the matchform sent to the Registration Secretary by Monday 10:00pm after the Saturday fixture (Rule 21 A)

If any match cannot be played and is to be postponed the Home club must inform the opposition, Referee and the League Officers as soon as possible (Rule 20 E(3)).

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