

YEL League Regulations

1. Charter Standard

The YEL is a Charter Standard League. All member clubs must be Charter Standard in order to compete in the competition. Any clubs who do not achieve Charter Standard status may be removed from the league.

New Clubs applying to the league - Any club which has been in existence for more than twelve months and applies to join the league, must be Charter Standard in order for their application to be considered. Any application from a new club wishing to join the league that has not played previously in any other league and/or has been in existence for less than twelve months, will be eligible to have their application considered. If they are accepted into the league, it will be on the understanding that they will have twelve months from the date of acceptance into the league to achieve Charter Standard status. Any club failing to achieve Charter Standard status in the prescribed timescale may be removed from the league by the YEL Football Admin Team

2. Player registrations

Subject to meeting eligibility requirements as set out in the YEL Rules, players of all age groups can play in the YEL on both Saturday and Sunday.

REGISTRATION OF NEW PLAYERS ON WHOLE GAME SYSTEM – Clubs/teams should use the full name of players (full first name and surname - no abbreviations or shortened form eg Robert Smith not Rob, Bob, Bobby, Robbie etc - middle names are not required) to assist in preventing duplication of players on the system.

PLAYERS WISHING TO PLAY UP A YEAR – All age groups - a maximum of three players will be permitted to play in a team a year above. Any team wishing to have a higher number of players playing up a year must seek the permission of the YEL in order to do so by providing a detailed explanation of the reasons. A decision will then be made by the league as to whether permission will be granted.

3. Player ID

League ID of the intended participating players must be examined by an official of the opposing team prior to kick off in all YEL League, Cup, and league organised friendly games.

Failure to comply by either or both teams will result in a fine of £20 for each team. A player unable to produce league ID **MUST NOT** play. The YEL Football Admin Team have the authority to check cards before or after a match.

ID Card can be shown on a mobile device. The only acceptable form on a mobile device is the FA MATCHDAY APP. Managers/coaches should have a back up paper copy with them at all times.

TEAM SHEETS – Team sheets **MUST** be provided for **ALL** U9s upwards games. A Team sheet **MUST** be given to the opposition and the referee **BEFORE** the match starts. Each team sheet **MUST** display the full name of the player and their shirt number.

Any game not played because one team has failed to produce League ID will be classed as an unfulfilled fixture and the offending team dealt with as a postponement using the cancellation matrix. Any fine levied by the league as a result of using the cancellation matrix will be in addition to the fine above.

4. Grounds

All clubs must provide dressing room accommodation (including toilet facilities) on site for the use of the away team, match officials and spectators. Failure to have these facilities in place will render the ground not fit for purpose and YEL clubs/teams will not be permitted to use the venue for YEL organised matches. The only exceptions to this rule will be:

- if the facilities are temporarily unavailable. Clubs will need to apply to the YEL Office for an exemption certificate which will be completed by the league and detail the start and finish date of any permitted exemption period.
- If there is a detailed plan for facilities to be installed and there is a date by which the works will be completed. Clubs will need to apply to the YEL Office for an exemption certificate which will be completed by the league and detail the start and finish date of any permitted exemption period.

5. Kick off times

Saturday	Mini Soccer	9v9/11 a side
Earliest KO time is 9.30am if agreed by both teams – see regulation 6	Kick off between 9.30am and 12.00 noon Default Kick Off Time 10am	Kick off between 9.30am and 2.30pm Default Kick Off Time 11am
Sunday		
Earliest KO time is 9.30am if agreed by both teams – see regulation 6	Kick off between 9.30am and 12.00 noon Default Kick Off Time 10am	Kick off between 9.30am and 2.30pm Default Kick Off Time 11am

Saturday and Sunday Mini Soccer 9v9/11v11 Earliest KO time for any game is 9.30am. This earlier time can only occur with the agreement of both teams and the consent of the league

Once a referee has been appointed, the kick off time and/or the venue can only be changed with the agreement of both teams, the referee AND the YEL. The YEL reserves the right to insist the game goes ahead at the scheduled venue and kick off time.

Home teams should check seven days prior to the game to ensure that the kick off time and venue are available and correct on Full-Time to ensure accurate appointing of referees. Any team not adhering to this regulation may be subject to a fine.

6. Requirements for changes in kick off times – Supplementary YEL Regulation to Rule 20A of the YEL Rules

All matches will be set on the FA FULL-TIME website at a default kick off time. The home team can move the kick off to a later time up until 2.30pm provided they notify the opposition and update Full-Time ten days or more prior to the game. If changes are to be made inside ten days of the date of the game, both teams must be in agreement. If agreement cannot be reached, the game will be set at the default kick off time. It is the home team's responsibility to ensure they have a pitch available. If the normal home team venue is not available at this default kick off time, it is their responsibility to firstly, locate a suitable alternative pitch or, if one cannot be found, offer the away team the opportunity to host the match.

If the home team wishes to move the kick off time to a time earlier than the default kick off time, they must seek the agreement of the away team regardless of the number of days prior to the date of the game. If agreement cannot be reached, the game must be played at the default kick off time. The YEL will operate a live up to date kick off time system and it is a requirement that teams advise the YEL of all changes either by email or updating Full-Time.

7. Home team responsibility

An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and the secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

8. Restrictions around the pitch on match day

Nobody is permitted to be behind either goals (adjacent to the goal area) during a YEL organised game

Managers, coaches and substitutes must be on the opposite side of the pitch to the spectators/supporters. Spectators/supporters must be behind the RESPECT barrier/line. The referee shall request everyone to abide by this regulation. The referee shall report any team not adhering to this regulation and the team will be fined.

Assistant referees are not permitted to coach players during the course of the game. The only exception to this is if the manager is on their own and the only person available to officiate. Referees will report any team infringing this regulation and the team will be fined.

9. Start of season

Saturday 7th September 2019

10. End of season

15th May 2020

11. League Presentation Day

All teams finishing the season as Champions, Runners-up or Fair Play winners shall be invited to attend the Presentation Day to collect awards. Each team will be expected to purchase tickets for the event to a minimum cost of £75 per team. Any team which opts not to attend will still be required to pay £75.

For a player to be eligible to receive a trophy and/or attend a presentation, the player MUST have played a minimum of 25% of league games during the particular season for which the presentation is being held.

12. Referees fees

Mini Soccer - £15 fixed fee

9v9 - £20 fixed fee

11v11 - £25 fixed fee

13. Referees

Referees MUST be over the age of 18 (unless qualified – See YEL Rules) and assistant referees over 16 (unless qualified – See YEL rules)

14. Postponement

If a game is postponed due to condition of the pitch, the away team can offer a suitable alternative. Every avenue should be explored, within reason, to get the game played on the appointed day BEFORE the match is postponed. Failure to play the game will result in it being referred to the YEL Discipline Team where the details surrounding the postponement will be examined. If the match is postponed the YEL Office will rearrange it. If the home team has postponed the fixture, the YEL reserves the right to reverse the fixture when rearranged.

POSTPONEMENT OF A MATCH DUE TO SCHOOL ACTIVITY - If a match is to be postponed due to a school activity, it is the team manager's responsibility to obtain a letter/email from the head teacher and send it to the YEL Office – yel@live.co.uk - stating what the activity is and detailing each player who is affected. If the letter/email is not received by the YEL Office by the date of the game, the cancellation will be processed as an on the day cancellation.

POSTPONEMENT OF A SPRING SEASON FIXTURE – When a home team cancels a Spring league fixture, the YEL reserves the right to reverse the fixture should it be rearranged to a midweek date.

15. Postponement Grid

The YEL Discipline Team has the right to investigate any failure to fulfil a fixture and impose whatever penalty the rules allow. The penalties in the table below will be followed by the YEL Discipline Team; however, they may be disregarded where a club/team has been formally warned as to its future conduct. All teams will be granted one cancellation in the

Winter season and one cancellation in the Spring season. This will be applicable to all league matches arranged for U9s upwards. THIS FIRST CANCELLATION WILL ATTRACT A FINE but there will be no points deducted , nor will the game be awarded to the opposition, providing that the match was not cancelled on the day of the game. Any team cancelling a fixture set on or after 31 March, which cannot for any reason be mutually re-arranged, will have its record expunged. If the Home Team is unable to provide a pitch due to weather conditions, the away team will have the option to offer an alternative pitch and the original home team would be expected to provide good reason to the YEL Discipline Team should they be unable to accept this offer of an alternative

	Notice Received	Administration charge	Game Awarded
1 st Cancellation	28 or more days	£5	No
	14-27 days	£10	No
	10-14 days	£15	No
	2-9 days	£20	No
	Day prior to game	£25	No
	Day of game	£25	Yes
2 nd Cancellation	28 or more days	£15	Yes
	14-27 days	£20	Yes
	10-14 days	£25	Yes
	2-9 days	£30	Yes
	Day prior to game	£35	Yes
	Day of game	£35	Yes
3 rd Cancellation and further	28 or more days	£25	Yes
	14-27 days	£30	Yes
	10-14 days	£35	Yes
	2-9 days	£40	Yes
	Day prior to game	£45	Yes
	Day of game	£45	Yes

16. Teams wishing to play up a year

In order for an existing YEL team to be considered for playing up a year, they must make the request by email to the YEL Office and fulfil ALL of the conditions below:

- Be a current age group U10 upwards ie U10 age group team playing up at U11, U11 age group team playing up at U12 and so on – lower age groups will need to present an exceptional case to be considered for this by the YEL
- Be a division 1 team that has completed the current season in Division 1 (not just promoted)
- Be in agreement to play the whole period from September to May in the upper age group
- Accept that the team will initially be placed in Division 3 or thereabouts of the age group above at the discretion of the league.

17. Play Off Matches

The league reserves the right to arrange play off games at the end of the season for any U9 teams upwards who finish a league in a joint position for champions or runner-up. The match will be played at the home ground of the away team in the original fixture. If it is a three way play off, the league will decide on home matches played. Unless notified by the league, play off matches will be played over the standard time period for the age group. Should the scores be level at the end of the normal period of play, the result will be a draw and the league position will be shared – ie joint champions or joint runners-up. There will be NO extra time or taking of penalties to decide a 'winner.'