



2024/25 LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES - PLAYING CONDITIONS

Those highlighted in red are a change from last season!

BOYS	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11
Max Format	5v5	5v5	7v7	7v7	9v9
Game Length	4 x 10min	2 x 25min	2 x 25min	2 x 25min	2 x 30min
Ball Size	3	3	3	3	4
Substitutes	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling
Offside	No	No	No	No	Yes
Throw Ins	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Pass or dribble in	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Back Pass Rule	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Retreat Line	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Power Play	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Deliberate Heading	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

BOYS	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
Max Format	9v9	11v11	11v11	11v11	11v11
Game Length	2 x 30min	2 x 35min	2 x 35min	2 x 40min	2 x 40min
Ball Size	4	4	4	5	5
Substitutes	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling
Offside	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Throw Ins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pass or dribble in	No	No	No	No	No
Back Pass Rule	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Retreat Line	No	No	No	No	No
Power Play	No	No	No	No	No
Deliberate Heading	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

GIRLS	U7 & U8	U9	U10	U11	U12 & U13
Max Format Younger team play +1	5v5	7v7	7v7	7v7	9v9
Game Length	4 x 10min	2 x 25min	2 x 25min	2 x 25min	2 x 30min
Ball Size	3	3	3	4	4
Substitutes	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling
Offside	No	No	No	No	Yes
Throw Ins	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pass or dribble in	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Back Pass Rule	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Retreat Line	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Power Play	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Deliberate Heading	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



2024/25 VENUES

Hightown Venue	Sandy Lane Playing fields, Sandy Lane, Hightown, Liverpool L38 3RN
Car Parking	<p>Traffic is controlled by stewards whose instructions must be adhered to at all times. Entrance to the site is via Hightown Village and no traffic to pass via the single path farm road on the Gorsey Lane entrance. Upon entering the car park, the flow is One Way and cars will be directed where to park based on the time and size/type of vehicle. Any persons found parking in the surrounding roads or entering via the farm road, will be refused access to the site as this is a current condition of usage in the lease agreement. There is very limited parking so it is imperative people park considerately and take one space only</p>
Upon Arrival / HJFL Officials	<p>Managers must check in at the reception kiosk. This is an FA requirement to ensure each team has a relevant safeguarding officer present. Here you will pay your match fee, be given your pitch number and referee details.</p> <p>The nominated officials at Hightown will be at least one of either Adam, Stephen or Linda Phillips</p>
Pitch & Respect Barrier	<p>Each pitch will have a respect barrier, provided by the HJFL. The first/last team on the pitch that day will be asked to erect/dismantle it.</p> <p>Team members/associates must stay on their own touch line behind the respect barrier. No person is allowed to stand within the penalty area width behind the goal. Even if it is their 'own goal'. One coach & one assistant only can stand in front of the respect barrier but at no time to enter onto the pitch.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There must be no litter left on your touchline.</p>
Goals & Nets	<p>The goals and nets will be provided and already in place at Hightown and to be left in situ</p>
Health & Safety	<p>The playing fields are surrounded by a car park & drainage ditch. RTA Laws remain present. It is imperative children are not left unsupervised at any time. Barriers are in place to provide some protection/partition, but HJFL take no responsibility for damage or injury caused on site. Children present remain the responsibility of associated parents and coaches. Do not allow children to swing on the crossbar. Each goal has sufficient ground pegs to prevent falling in high wind but there is a risk of serious damage or injury if 'swung' on. The ground is suspect to natural wildlife interference such as rabbit/mole holes. They are checked regularly but each manager to ensure the pitch is checked prior to kick off and a steward notified if repair needed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Dogs allowed at the venue (except service dogs). No smoking/vaping on site.</p>
Behaviour	<p>Hightown is a 'zero tolerance' private venue and access may be withdrawn at any time if a person's behaviour is deemed to bring the HJFL into disrepute.</p>



Buckley Hill & Carr Lane Venues	<u>Buckley Hill Lane, Netherton, Liverpool L29 1YB</u> <u>Carr Lane, Ainsdale. Southport. PR8 3ED</u>
Car Parking	There is very limited parking at the venues and some restrictions in the immediate vicinity. It is therefore advised to park a short distance in the roads surrounding the venue and walk in via the multiple entrances. Please be respectful to residents and other road users.
Upon Arrival / HJFL Officials	Managers must check in at the reception desk. This is a FA requirement to ensure each team has a relevant safeguarding officer present. Here you will pay your match fee (unless otherwise instructed) and be given your pitch number and referee details. The nominated officials at Buckley Hill will be at least one of either John Burton or Paul Kirkby The nominated officials at Carr Lane will be at least one of either Barrie Marshall, Billy Neilson or Trevor & Izzie Davies.
Pitch & Respect Barrier	Every team must provide and erect their own respect barrier two meters from your own touch line. Team members/associates must stay on their own touch line behind the respect barrier. No person is allowed to stand within the penalty area width behind the goal. Even if it is their 'own goal'. One coach & one assistant only can stand in front of the respect barrier but at no time to enter onto the pitch. There must be no litter left on your touch line.
Goals & Nets	Buckley Hill – Goals will already be in place however the first/last team on each pitch will be responsible for a Goal net, Corner Flags and a refuse bin. To be assembled/returned as instruction upon check-in. Carr Lane – The first and last team on each pitch will be responsible for assembling/disassembling their goal/nets, corner flags and refuse bin as instructed at check-in.
Health & Safety	Children present remain the responsibility of associated parents and coaches. Do not allow children to swing on the crossbars. Each goal has sufficient ground pegs to prevent falling in high wind but there is a risk of serious damage or injury if 'swung' on. The ground is suspect to natural wildlife interference such as rabbit holes. They are checked regularly but each manager to ensure the pitch is checked prior to kick off and steward notified if repair needed. No Dogs allowed on the touchline (except service dogs) HJFL take no responsibility for damage or injury caused on site.
Behaviour	Any person behaving in a manner which brings the HJFL into disrepute will be asked to leave the venue. Whilst Buckley Hill/Carr Lane is a public field, if the person involved refuses to adhere to the request their associate team will have their fixtures voided and relevant sanctions imposed.



2024/25 LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES - GENERAL

Player Registration	<p>All players must be registered on the FA Whole Game System and approved to play in the HJFL. It is imperative that the child in question is registered with the correct name and DOB with the club official having checked the passport or birth certificate – not just relying on details provided by the child/parent themselves.</p> <p>A player can only be registered for one team at a time playing in the Hightown JFL.</p> <p>Girls can be dual registered to play for a boys & girls team up to and including U11. After which prior consent is required by the relevant FA.</p>
Squad Registration Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every team must have with them, an up-to-date squad registration sheet using the template on the Whole Game System. • The photographs must be recent and legible. • It is the leagues preference that the Squad Reg Sheet is printed. • This must then to be handed to the opposition manager prior to kick off for them to retain for the length of the game if so desired. • If using an electronic device to show the team sheet – this must also be handed to the opposition as if it was a paper copy. • It is your own team’s responsibility to prove the children playing are registered • If no squad reg sheet is received, then you must alert a HJFL official prior to the start of the second half. This is in addition to the referee – See HJFL officials on each venue tab. • Any team failing to provide a squad reg sheet will automatically forfeit the result, but it is requested the game continues its full course.
Transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every transfer will be considered by the HJFL committee who have right to approve or reject the request based on the HJFL ethos and values. We will always try and encourage as many children to play as much football as possible. Factors to consider will be such: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The reason for transfer 2. The impact/fairness on any ongoing competition 3. The impact of players from both respective teams 4. Exceptional circumstances • Players can only be registered for one team at a time in the Hightown League • Transfers are NOT permitted once 75% of the winter league games have been completed. • After 75% of the winter league games have been completed, a player wishing to transfer to another team in the Hightown league must have his registration cancelled on the WGS, 6 weeks after which, he becomes a ‘free agent’ and can join another team under the rules of ‘free agents’. This rule is to deter player movement/poaching during a season. • Any one team cannot sign more than one player from the same team during a season. • ‘Free Agents’ – i.e. a player who is not signed to a team already in the HJFL can be registered at any time in the season – again with consideration of fairness of any ongoing competition. • Elite players registered with an academy are permitted to play in the Hightown league up to and including under 11. Elite players age 12 and above cannot play in any grassroots football.
Colour Clash	<p>We have no ‘home and away’ so each team is to have with them a set of bibs. If in the event of a colour class then a team will wear bibs as decided by a toss of a coin.</p>
First Aid	<p>Each site has a De-Fib, but each team are responsible for general first aid kit</p>
Match Balls	<p>Each team must provide a sufficient quality match ball</p>
Unfulfilled Fixtures	<p>Individual games cannot be re-arranged without prior agreement from the HJFL committee. If you are unable to fulfil the fixture, then you will forfeit the result and still be liable for Match fee</p>

