

Regional Rules

1. All squads to be a maximum of 14 players (Unless agreed otherwise in exceptional circumstances)
2. All squads to conform to the club rulings as stated within these rules
3. Pitches are to be set up and ready at least 30 minutes before kickoff which then leaves you as a manager and team time for a warmup/team talk time ready for a prompt 09.30 start.
4. Managers who are first kick off are to collect the goals, respect barrier, first aid kit, 4 corner flag poles, respect sign and in the absence of a referee the match ball from the container in the compound if it has not already been set up. If a referee is present, he will collect and return the match ball. **Managers who are last kick off must pack all equipment and return to the storage area.** NOTE: Goal bags are to be carried and not dragged as this will prevent damage to the equipment.
5. All matches must start on time to prevent late starts for the teams that follow.
6. If all players are present for kick off and all equipment is set up, then the match should start on time. If this is not the case, the match time must be reduced for the following matches to kick off on time.
7. Once the match is finished all teams must clear the pitch immediately for the teams following to start their match on time.
8. Please ensure any litter left by your teams/parents is cleared and disposed of appropriately and not left pitch side. Any litter left will be subject to a fine from the council which effectively will be passed on to the teams concerned.
9. Matches are to be 30minutes each half with a 5-minute half time break unless otherwise stated.
10. Each team can field a maximum of 11 players at one time, one being a goalkeeper.
11. A team can play with a minimum of 8 players. If agreed beforehand with the opposition manager, the amount of players on each team can be reduced to even out the deficit. This would only happen if a team were short on players. If a manager knows that his team will have less than 8 players available, then it can be postponed 24hrs before kickoff.
12. There will be no loans and no player may play until the League Secretary tells the League Rep that they are registered.
13. The lowest number each team may play with is 8 players.
14. A match maybe cancelled up to 24 hours before kickoff time, but after this time the game is forfeited, and the opposing team is awarded the win with a 1-0 win.
15. Should a game be cancelled or postponed or rescheduled with 24 hours notice your fixture will be brought forward accordingly.
16. Subs can be made on a roll-on roll of basis when the ball is out of play, informing the referee on each occasion.
17. Every player must be guaranteed at least half a match per week.
18. Kick off from the centre circle. The ball can be passed either forward or backwards. The player taking the kick off cannot shoot directly from a kick off. The ball must be passed to another player first.
19. Goal keepers cannot pick up a back pass, this will result in an indirect freekick from where the GK touched it.
20. **Goal kick.** A player of the team in possession (The attacking team) kicks the ball from any point within the 6 yard box. The opponents (The defending team) must retreat to outside of the penalty box until the ball is in play. The attacking team can position themselves anywhere within the field of play incl within their own penalty box. The defending team may only enter the penalty box once the ball is in play. The ball is deemed to be in play once the ball has been played by the goal kick taker. Should the defending team encroach prior to the ball being played the goal kick will be retaken.
21. If a child makes a foul throw twice the throw will then be awarded to the other team.

22. Freekicks: Where there is a wall of three or more defenders, the attackers are not allowed within 1m (1yd) of the wall. An attacker less than 1 m (1yd) from the wall when the kick is taken will be penalised with an indirect kick. When the defending team takes a free kick in their own penalty area the ball is in play once the kick is taken; it does not have to leave the penalty area before it can be played.
23. Every opposing player must be 4m from all free kicks/corner kicks.
24. Deliberate handball remains an offence. The following handball situations even if accidental will be a free kick.
- The ball goes into the goal after touching an attacking player's hand/arm
 - A player gains control/possession of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then scores or creates a goal-scoring opportunity.
 - The ball touches a player's hand/arm which has made their body unnaturally bigger.
 - The ball touches a player's hand/arm when it is above their shoulder (unless the player has deliberately played the ball which then touches their hand/arm).

The following will not usually be a free kick unless they are one of the above situations:

- The ball touches a player's hand/arm directly from their own head/body/foot or the head/body/foot of another player close/nearby.
 - The ball touches a player's hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body any bigger.
 - If a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body (but not extended to make the body bigger).
25. No team can change their goalkeeper if a penalty is awarded against them, the goalkeeper at the time of the infringement must face the penalty kick. The goalkeeper must not be touching the goalposts/crossbars/nets. The goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on/in line with the goal line when the kick is taken.
26. The spectators are to acknowledge the Respect line and all managers are to see this carried out. Parents must stand behind the Respect barrier and not on the manager's side or behind goals.
- 27. *Yellow and Red cards will be used in response to persistent bad tackles, un-sportsman like behaviour, violent conduct & Foul play. A straight red card will result in a one game suspension. The decision of the ref is final.***
28. Any conduct which we deem unacceptable will be dealt with by the committee. Managers must lead by example and not by emotions.
29. Please inform all parents/supporters we follow the Respect code of practice. Any violent, abusive, and racial actions will not be tolerated and will be dealt with swiftly and if necessary, we will call the local authority.
30. Any abusive or violent outbursts by parents will result in the team concerned being penalized and a 3 nil win being awarded to the opposing team regardless of the score at the time of the offence.
31. If a volunteer/parent is brought to our attention regarding a disciplinary matter, then they may be subject to a disciplinary hearing.
32. The official's word is FINAL.
33. In the absence of a referee, it is the managers/assistants responsibility to ref half a game and the opposition manager/assistant to ref the other half of the game. If this is not possible then seek a parent who can ref, the match. Please ensure whoever is to ref the game is fully versed with the rules.
34. Only listed managers should coach the team when the game is in play.
35. Only the manager and 1 assistant and the subs are to be manager's side of the pitch.
36. Ball size is 4

37. All cup matches if tied at full time will go to 10 minutes straight extra time (No Interval), in the event of the match still being drawn a penalty shootout best of 5 will take place. If scores are still tied, then it will go down to sudden death until an eventual winner is found.
38. All players on the pitch at the end of extra time may be considered for a penalty, no substitutes can take a penalty if they were not on the field of play in the second half.
39. No team can change their goalkeeper for a penalty shootout. They must have the goalkeeper who was in goal in the second half of extra time.
40. If the game is cancelled in the first half of the season due to bad weather/unable to field a team 24 hours before kickoff time and we are unable to reschedule the match the corresponding fixture becomes a double header. This means the first half of the match is counted as the match from the first half of the season and the second half of the match will count for the match of that day. (3 points for a win or 1 point for a draw each match)
41. In the event of both fixtures falling foul to the weather/unable to field a team 24 hours prior to kick off and the match cannot be rescheduled then a score of 0-0 will be awarded to both teams and they will earn 1 point each.
42. The season is made up of multiple competitions. 1st half of the season League winners. 2nd half of the season League winners will play in the League playoff to decide the League Champions. Gold Cup tournament, Silver Cup Tournament, bronze cup tournament & Easter Challenge cup.
43. The first half of the season consists of each team playing each other twice and the final league standings will be taken once every game has been accounted for (double headers/points split). Winners of the first half of the season go into the League Play off at the end of the season. The League title is won with the most points. If tied then it will come down to goal difference, Head-to-head and then goals scored.
44. Once the second half of the season starts all teams revert to 0 points, 0 goals and they play each other again. The winners of this league play the winners of the first half of the season in the league playoff final. (Same system as before).
45. If the same team wins both halves of the seasons, they are crowned League Champions.
46. The format of the tournament will be that of a 6-team bracket system. The two teams in position 1 and position 2 in the league at this stage will get a bye into the next round. The remaining 4 teams will play in the 2nd round knockout fixture. These are one off matches; the winner progresses to the next round of which will be played on separate weekend. The four teams eliminated from the gold cup in the 2nd Round & Quarter Finals will play each other in the silver cup at the semi-final stage, the winners will progress to the final of the silver cup and the runners up will progress to the final of the bronze cup which will all be played on the cup final day. The Two finalists of the gold cup will also play each other on the cup final day (Last weekend of the season)
47. Managers are to ensure all players are wearing the correct footwear and shin pads.
48. Please note: Parking restrictions are in force within the park. Only parking in bays is permitted so any car not parked in a bay will be subject to a fine. This is a new ruling introduced by the council and we do not take any responsibility for any parking fines issued. There are parking bays at various points in the park and the warden has informed me there are parking bays behind the cottages including a couple of disabled bays which are for use. Please be aware also we are not permitted to park within the grounds of Carshalton FC/Cricket Club and will also be subject to a fine.
49. If a player misses 3 matches without good reason the league could replace them permanently with a player from the waiting list.
50. If a player or parent falls below the expectations as aligned out on our website and in our handbook the league may opt to cancel the registration of the player and replace with a player from the waiting list.
51. All kits to be washed on a cold wash inside out to preserve them. These shirts will be returned at the end of the season to be re-distributed.
52. Offsides will be played, please refer to the offside document for clarity.

53. Each club will need to provide a volunteer referee assistant to run the line. In the event there are no volunteers the match will be played without the offside rule in place.
54. Rules will be constantly monitored and updated where necessary. If new rules are added a new copy of the rules will be distributed.
55. If a player receives 3 yellow cards during the season (inclusive of both halves) they will be suspended for a match. If you receive two suspensions in one season WLL Management could consider your place in the league.
56. If a manager/assistant manager receives 2 yellow cards during the season (inclusive of both halves) you will be suspended for a match. If you receive two suspensions in one season WLL Management could consider your place in the league. If the team does not have a manager due to suspension, WLL management will arrange temporary charge. The manager will have no input into team selection or tactics and will not be able to stand on the managers side of the pitch.
57. Offsides will be introduced.

A player is offside if:

- They are in the opponent's half of the pitch, and
- They are closer to the opponent's goal than both the ball and the second-last defender at the moment the ball is passed to them by a teammate.

A player is not offside if:

- They are level with the second-last defender or the ball.
- They receive the ball from a goal kick, corner kick, or throw-in.
- They are in their own half when the ball is played.

Being in an offside position is not an offence by itself. It only becomes an offence if the player interferes with play, interferes with an opponent, or gains an advantage from being in that position.

58. Each team will be responsible for providing a lines person for their match. If you cannot delegate to a parent, the manager will be required to do it