



Swansea Senior Association Football League

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Dear Secretaries,

We had to seek guidance from the WWFA concerning our Under 15s and 16s and the procedures we must follow.

We asked whether a sixteen-year-old can play a match in the 16s and then play another on the same day in the seniors. The answer was yes, but you must **allow for a reasonable time break** between matches.

The WFA strongly recommends that all club teams with sixteen-year-old players stepping up to the senior team have a parent or guardian sign a declaration stating they are willing for their child to share facilities with adults. This ensures your Club commitment to safeguarding youth players and helps you feel confident in managing their participation in dressing rooms with adults.

Otherwise, we may end up with separate dressing rooms for the sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds, in line with the English FA, which has brought this rule in right across England. This would definitely cause us major problems, so please respect this request.

A player aged 15, 16, or 17 is classed as a child until the age of 18, emphasising our shared responsibility to protect and support youth players in the league.

When you obtain the signed parent or guardian declaration, please send me a copy by scan or post, ensuring compliance with the league documentation procedures we now have to adhere to.

With the weather causing havoc over the last few weeks, the Fixture Secretary is doing his best to accommodate requests when matches are arranged, but rescheduled fixtures will proceed as scheduled; no more changing games unless Teams play the fixture midweek on a 3G or 4G pitch, where we have no problem with that, but must be fixtured by the league.

Clubs should understand that available pitches and times limit rescheduling and must adhere to league policies to avoid confusion or unfair advantages.

Kind regards

John Cornelius

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