

Code of Conduct

It is a requirement that players and their parents/guardians sign their agreement to abide by the Code of Conduct, please remember any ongoing failure to comply with the F.A Respect programme will be a breach of the Code of Conduct.

REFEREES

THREE RULES THAT EVERY PLAYER, MANAGER AND SPECTATOR SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR REFEREES



1. **They are always right**
2. **Even if they get it wrong they are right**
3. **In the event of any complaints please refer to rule one**

Many of our officials are young and newly qualified. We cannot afford to lose officials through abuse or constant harassment.

The League cannot and will not review the decisions of Referees.

Managers and helpers who Referee matches will have the same powers and responsibility as any qualified Referee and are afforded the same respect. Co-operation must be given to them as would be given to any match official.

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

Please remember to keep us up to date with any changes to your telephone numbers or postal address by phoning the Help Line 020 8330 2663.

The message I would like to convey at the start of the 2008/2009 season is that we want only positive encouragement and it is all about sharing and enjoying – win or lose

Thank You



Dennis Jones
League Secretary

MORDEN



MLLF MANAGERS/ASSISTANTS NEWSLETTER 18th OCTOBER 2008

The Managers Guide to Morden Little League Football has been updated

If you did not receive a copy of the updated guide at the Managers Meeting in September please let me know or ask at the help desk for a copy.

As you are aware it is a requirement of every Manager and Assistant that they read and abide by the good practice detailed within the guide.



Respect Programme

Please remember that Respect is a programme, not a campaign. It is a marathon, not a sprint and it is acknowledged that it will take several years to change the current culture in football.

Changing a culture is about long-term commitment to change negative attitudes and abusive behaviour. It needs all of us working together to make a real difference, and we especially need your help in erecting and dismantling the barriers.

This means arriving earlier to ensure they are erected correctly (with the risk of stronger winds over the next few months it is essential that the barriers are erected correctly) and staying a bit later after the last match to ensure they are put away correctly.

Please find attached a copy of the Respect Barriers Assembly and Installation Instructions and a picture of what should be within each Respect Holdall.

I would request that you please take a moment to look at the instructions and where you see any barriers during the day that need additional tension, can you please adjust them so they are as taut as possible.

Respect programmecontinued

This week will be our 6th week of using the barriers and I believe it is working well but please remember the designated spectators' barrier is on one full length of the pitch and this is for the spectators from both teams to stand behind.

This means the managers and assistants of both teams should stand on the other side of the pitch, meaning players get instructions from just one side of the pitch.

The spectators' barrier should start two metres from the touchline on one side of the pitch and run the full length of the pitch which also means no-one should be watching from behind the goals.

Accepting the fact that it will take a time for the spectators and the managers/assistants to get use to the idea, we must not forget that this is a fundamental requirement of the FA Respect Programme and we must all work together to ensure that this happens.

If you are having problems with passing this message on to a particular spectator then please let your Division Rep, Player Co-ordinator or me know.

Copies of pages 24 and 25 from the hand book are attached for you to remind these spectators where they should be standing and why.

Representatives from Surrey FA will be visiting King Georges Playing Fields in the future and we will be able to discuss any problems with them, in the mean time we must all try to comply.

If you feel that you cannot continue as a Manager or Assistant due to your disagreement with this rule then please let me know the reasons why you disagree and I will discuss them with the FA.

However if the FA are not willing to change their views then we will have to refer your disagreements to our committee for them to make the final decision.

Please remember that we **must** remain affiliated to the FA to allow Little League to continue.

Handbook Amendments

New Managers and Assistants

Hornets Division:

JLG Warriors Change of Asst. Mgr to Gary Pickett 07505 830121

Rangers:

Rotary Rockets Change of Manager to Mark Doel 020 8395 2915

Committee

Scott Whittington: Change of contact number to 020 8337 9295

Contact Numbers Reminder

League Secretary Dennis Jones 07946 658192
020 8330 2663

Player Co-ordinators

Seniors/Juniors Jeannette Luffman 07724 517453
Girls/Trinians Sandra Matthews 07894 388469
Mini Soccer Nigel Blackwell 020 8641 4996
Waiting List Mark Fanning 020 8715 4538

Division Reps

Senior David Russell 020 8640 5013
Junior Tina Stephens 020 8335 3248
Girls Michael Black 07921 667459
Trinians Jerzy Dabrowski 07940 672347
Bantams Les Sheridan 020 8778 0869
Hornets Tony Sisarello 07941 609562
Rangers Scott Whittington 020 8337 9295
Soccer7's George Mellor 020 8224 6910

VACANCIES

Players

We currently have vacancies for BOYS born between September 2000 and August 2001 and GIRLS born between September 1994 and August 2001



Managers and Assistants and Committee

We currently have vacancies for a Manager in the Trinians and Assistant Managers in the Juniors, Bantams and Soccer 7evens and we currently have a vacancy for a Membership Secretary.

Training

The Committee of MLLF would like to stress that team training is not a pre-requisite of MLLF teams and is carried out on a voluntary basis. However we do encourage player improvement especially where it leads to reducing the risk of injury.

All training must be supervised by a Manager or Assistant who has been CRB checked.

No preference will be given, when picking teams for a Saturday game, to those who turn up for training and those who do not. The guarantee of a minimum half game on a Saturday is not compromised for players not participating in training.

A voluntary donation from each participating player may be collected to help with the cost of hiring the venue; the Committee believe that the donation shall be no more than **£2.00 per head**.

School Football

If a player has, or is due to take part in a school activity on a match day, then he/she may **NOT** play a Little League game that morning.

Such activities include all competitive matches, friendlies and squad training. It is not confined just to sporting activities as MLLF have always adhered to the principle of 'school comes first'

All Managers should check with their players prior to any game, whether any of their team has been involved in a school activity on that day.

Any player found to be in breach of this rule is liable to a one-match suspension in the first instance and could face possible exclusion for any subsequent occurrence.

Any team found to be in breach of this rule will automatically lose any points gained from that particular match. The result shall be recorded as 0 – 0 with the points awarded to the opposition.

11 a-side Goalposts

All four Managers and Assistants involved in the first game on each pitch should arrive at the Field by 8.30 am to help erect the pitch equipment, and similarly all four Managers and Assistants in the last game should help dismantle everything and help return it to the lock up; please put your crossbars on the correct hooks as detailed on the wall in the lock up. **This includes the Respect Barriers placed in the holdalls and put on the trolley.**

Please remember If you put the crossbars in the wrong place the following week your co- managers from your section will take the wrong crossbars and they will not fit the posts!

Erection and dismantling of the equipment is a four person job, and if a Manager or Assistant is to be absent on a particular Saturday, then it is their responsibility to ensure that a deputy is appointed to undertake these duties.

Goalposts must always be anchored securely to the ground; Please remember to pick up the metal/plastic goal pegs and put them in the bag provided when you are dismantling the goals at the end of the last match on your pitch.

Mini soccer Goalposts

Goalposts must always be anchored securely to the ground; Please remember to pick up the metal/plastic goal pegs and put them in the metal box provided when you are dismantling the goals at the end of the last match on your pitch. The box and the Respect holdall are taken to the container.

Please ensure that the net clips are at the front of the cross bar and the net is behind the cross bar, please use the bottom clips to hook the net onto itself when returning the net to the container.

Please place the goal posts neatly and securely on one side of the container making sure that the nets do not create a tripping hazard.

Substitutions

At MLLF substitutions are made at half time so that every player must play at least a full half of a game, substitutions at the interval are compulsory so that each player enjoys half of each game, and decisions on who is to be substituted is entirely a matter for the Manager and Assistant, despite what parents may say and expect.

Roll On – Roll Off substitutions are not allowed

Players 11 a –side

Senior, Junior and Girls Division teams must have a minimum of eight players to be present to enable a Division or Cup game to proceed but with a maximum of one player difference between the teams on the pitch to minimise the possibilities of one-sided games

The team who an extra player available must play the player as we have found in the past that, what at the time is considered a sporting gesture to play levels sides, has created problems later on in the competition.

Players Mini Soccer

If one team has less than six players, they should borrow a player from the opposing team or if you are aware that you will be short of players please contact the Player Co-ordinator who will, if there has been sufficient notice given, arrange for a player from the waiting list to play for your team.

No game should be played where one team has more than one extra player on the field than their opponents. No more than 7 players a side are allowed on the pitch at any one time.

Football Kit

Seniors, Juniors and Girls - including goalkeepers - are only allowed to wear the regulation issued kit. (Track trousers only for goalkeepers).

The colour of each team's shirts, shorts and socks shall be determined by the League Management Committee.

Please remember it is **very important** to collect kit from players who are leaving or transferring to another team next season. The cost implications are huge if we lose kit.

The kit remains League property at all times and should only be worn for League activities. Managers and Assistants are responsible for collecting the kit from all the players at the end of the season.

The Bantams, Hornets, Rangers, Trinians & Soccer 7evens can of course wear whatever shorts and socks they like.

Children in the Bantams, Hornets, Rangers, Trinians & Soccer 7evens are able to wear gloves or tracksuit bottoms on the colder Saturdays and similarly pullovers under shirts are not a problem.

Players **must** wear shin pads during all matches and training sessions.

Times of Games

Please note the end time for games must be strictly observed, **whether or not the full twenty five minutes each way 11 a-side or twenty minutes each way Mini Soccer has elapsed.** It is thus the responsibility of those involved in the **first games** to erect the pitch equipment on time, to ensure that their game is not reduced in time. All sections start at **9.30 a.m.** and finish at **12.30 p.m** with exception of the Rangers (Mini Soccer) who finish at **11.45 am**).

Games must not commence until the Respect barriers are in position.

Attendance

Each Manager must ensure that they record players and any absentees together with their scores by completing the appropriate sheet held at the Help Desk in the Pavilion after their match every Saturday.

On the occasions where this is not possible Managers/Assistants must inform the League Secretary or Player Co-ordinator no later than 6 p.m. on a Saturday. They can do this by email (dennisjones15@btinternet.com) or phone or by leaving a message on the help line **020 8330 2663**.

Failure to do so will result in any points (11-a-side football) gained for that week not being awarded. This rule will apply to the third and every subsequent failure during the season.

Scores for Mini Soccer games should be given to the Committee member working on the Help Desk and he/she will make a note of the scores in a separate folder which will not be available for general viewing. No League Table will be created, so that each game can be enjoyed without any worries about "having to win". Above all, the intention is for players to learn skills and techniques, and how to lose - the winning can come later.

Additionally, the Manager and Assistant should ensure that their team is not "treated" to anything in excess of other teams, so that all teams are as equal as possible.

Awards to individual players that reward their level of skill or ability are not permitted.

Awards may be given where all players in a team have an equal opportunity to win, such as awards for endeavour or sportsmanship.