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General Secretary Information Sheet - Season 2024 – 2025

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Welcome to the ninth newsletter of the 2024 – 2025 Season and trust that the information is useful for your Club officials and please make sure this is shared with your Managers and Club officials.

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Cup Rules

There is nothing that saddens me more than having to tell a team they have been removed from the Cup due to playing an ineligible player and this weekend have had to send this to a team that played an ineligible player in the semi-final of their Cup. This is so frustrating for me as regularly in correspondence we remind Clubs of the rules. **PLEASE** if you are still in the Cup read the Cup rules in the handbook. Pages 130-132

1st and 2nd March 2025

As you are aware the League Executive Committee agreed for Clubs to be able to cancel their games on this weekend due to the Manchester City v Plymouth Argyle match now scheduled for the 1st March 2025. Many teams have already requested cancellations and there will be a limited number of games this weekend. Please note all Central League fixtures are cancelled on the 1st March 2025.

Devon FA / DJM League Meeting re safeguarding and discipline

The League Executive is to hold some urgent meetings with Devon FA to develop a coherent process for dealing with safeguarding, respect and discipline. At present the League feels that the system is not easy for Clubs to understand and is taking too long for issues to be resolved and therefore over the next few months we want to work together to make the system far easier and manageable. Will update in future newsletters.

Dual Registration Protocol Clarification provided by the FA

If you wish to dual register a player, then you must put in a seven-day notice of approach on to the full time system. Even though this is not a transfer a Club can decide not to waive which means the player can not be signed until the seven days has elapsed. This comes into effect from today and all Clubs must follow this protocol.

Match Day Information Sheet being Prepared

There is a lot of confusion at present it appears amongst Clubs and teams about match day requirements in terms of qualifications, set up of pitch on the day, payment of referees etc, etc. Over the next few days I am putting together a sheet outlining the protocols on match days and will be sharing with the Executive and then when all agreed send to Clubs for their information. Really hope this will help all concerned

New Divisions and Sponsors Required

The League has some new Divisions and we are requiring sponsors for the perpetual trophies and the cost of this will be around £ 150 - £ 200 a trophy and so we are looking at whether individuals, Clubs or businesses would be keen to have a Cup names after themselves. In the past we have had Clubs wish to name a trophy after someone that has died within their Club as a way of remembering them. Please if interested or want more information please email me before the end of February at mark.rowlesdjm@gmail.com

Supplementary Divisions

The League Executive is still reviewing this and the Fixture Secretaries will be in touch with any teams in Divisions where the entire Division looks like it will complete early. One of the issues is that in all Divisions there is at least one team that may have a few more games to play.

Mini Soccer Final Clarification

A couple of Clubs have contacted us about the U9 and U10 mini soccer Cup Finals being scheduled on the 12th April which is during the Easter holidays. The Finals have been in the League Diary sheet in the handbook from start of Season and when booking the finals we must consider many factors. The League Executive Committee discussed this but were unanimous that the date of the finals cannot change.

Referee Fee Clarification

If a referee is allocated a game at Torpoint or Saltash and is coming from Plymouth they can claim their bridge / ferry ticket cost. However, if the referee is officiating two fixtures then he needs to divide the cost between the four teams and not request it on two occasions. I trust this clarifies for referees and club officials.

An apology re Mini Soccer Bibs

I have literally forgotten over the last month that I have mini soccer bibs to give out to all Clubs for spectators that referee mini soccer to wear. I will arrange a way of getting these to Club Secretaries and inform you in a separate email. Apologies as this is a complete oversight on my part.

Silent Soccer Weekend

The Silent Soccer Weekend is scheduled for the 15th and 16th March 2025 and the League Executive has not supported this FA initiative as it punishes many parents who actively encourage players at games. A discussion will take place at the League Management Online meeting on the 17th February 2025.

Website

The website is going live at 12 noon on Monday 17th February 2025 and is in a fairly basic state to start but will be updated regularly over the next few months, so it is fully operational and functional for Season 2025-2026. This is your website so please let us know anything that you would like on the site that you feel would be helpful. Also, can some Clubs give the League permission to come to some games so we can take pictures as we want the site to be very visual. Please let me know if we can come and take pictures of teams.

The website address is

<https://djm-league.co.uk/wp-login.php>

Deregistration of Players

Now the transfer window is closed there are only three ways that a player can leave a team.

1. Has missed five consecutive games for his existing team
2. Club sends to the General Secretary a request to deregister the player accompanied by correspondence from the parent requesting this and then the player can be deregistered 21 days later
3. Through an emergency transfer / deregistration request but would need to be for extenuating circumstances.

Team Withdrawals

There have been no withdrawals from the League since the last newsletter.

Kind regards

Mark Rowles
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